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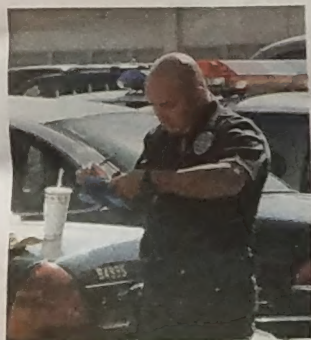
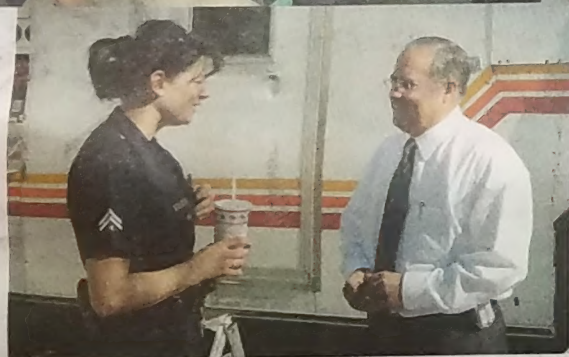
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League Board goes on the Road, meeting with the Membership



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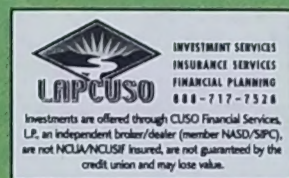
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AMBITIOUS GOALS MUST HAVE ADEQUATE SUPPORT

Bob Baker, President

As you have likely heard the Chief speak about lately, the LAPD has enjoyed many successes during the past year. The crime rate is down, arrests are up, recruitment is succeeding and we are continuing to build important relationships with the community, however we still need more resources to make our city safe.

While the LAPD image is improving and our communities are becoming statistically safer, we all know that there is more work to be done. The reality is that Los Angeles does not have enough police officers. Our ranks are very thin, and budget challenges promise to keep them thin in the years to come. Gangs also continue to pose challenges for our officers, and the situation is further complicated as bold gang members are now turning their guns on our officers in unprovoked attacks.

While we measure crime statistics on a year-to-year basis, to a victim of crime the memory does not fade at the end of the year. To the more than 16,000 robbery victims or the more than 30,000 vehicle theft victims in Los Angeles in 2003 – or for any year – crime is not down. The simple fact is that there are just too many victims of crime. And just because the year changes does not mean the slate is wiped clean – crime still occurs and victims still feel the pain of the threat of crime.

The trouble is that we want to continue to achieve ambitious goals such as further

crime reductions and more cases solved, but the real question is: at what cost?

Do we risk officer safety? Integrity? The needs of the public?

As it stands, we have a very thin blue line. While our numbers are promising and we have many new officers waiting in the wings, the truth is that the city does not have the money to hire those officers graduating from the police academy. So while the Chief and other Department officials hope to be able to increase the ranks, the truth is that those who sign our paychecks have no intention of allocating the funds to allow these plans to go into effect.

And our force is made even smaller by the number of officers committed to handling the obligations of the consent decree. Officers who could otherwise share in patrol or investigative duties are tabulating data and performing audits of departmental activities. I may be stating the obvious, but I think their time would be better spent in a more active role of protecting the city.

What I've learned about police work over the years is that you cannot operate under any absolutes. Sure, there are the absolutes of right and wrong that are the basis for our jobs, but those tenets sometimes come into question when examining the evidence in a case or when you find yourself in an undercover or high-pressure situation. The absolutes I'm referring to are things such as the hard

freeze on the Department or some of the requirements of the consent decree or the promise to reduce homicides by another 20 percent and part one crime by 20 percent. While the city and Department leaders focus on statistics to determine their success, we measure ours by the families we help or the satisfaction of the residents we protect – and whether we go home unharmed at the end of every shift.

We put enough pressure on ourselves in judging our performance by these standards – officers do not need further pressure in the way of numbers and "required" arrests or busts (which a stated crime reduction goal essentially creates). This pressure put on our officers is further compounded by the limited resources at the Department at this time, and we cannot afford to have officers take shortcuts or risk injury to themselves or those they protect in the name of seeing headlines about plummeting crime numbers in the paper. What we need is a little flexibility to match the dynamic environment in which we operate.

I don't mean to sound negative, but I see the stress our officers on the street are experiencing, and I am concerned. I remember those days myself – it wasn't so long ago that I was in your shoes. But I didn't have the requirements of the consent decree or the pressure of targeted crime reduction goals hanging over my head. It was the pressure that I put on myself to serve those who count on us in Los Angeles.

Now, some may ask, if we do not hold our officers accountable in a clearly defined way, how do we know they are effective in their jobs and worthy of pay raises, upgraded resources and stations, etc.? Ask any person on the street how much the homicide or burglary rates have decreased in the past year, and I bet the majority of the time the question could not be answered. Public safety is as much

a perception as it is a fact. Speak to the residents of Nickerson Gardens in Watts and I know they will say they do not feel safe – because I know that our officers who serve this area do not feel safe, either. On the contrary, speak to residents of the Valley, and I imagine many will feel quite safe. It's a matter of perception – crime is down overall, while homicides are actually much higher in the Valley than usual. Regardless of stats, a person will feel safe or afraid based on his or her surroundings.

This leads me to think that our primary goal should not be a number or the rollout of a "creative" program devised by someone within Department management. Our primary goal should be what it always has been: to protect and to serve. It is our motto, and that is our job. We should not distract our officers with "big ideas" and theories about how to solve isolated crime problems. Instead, they must be given the guidance and motivation to fan out across the city and eliminate the crime problems that are plaguing us all.

I was once told that life is a marathon, not a sprint. You must put in a lot of time and effort to reach the finish line – if you expend all of your energy too fast, you will come up short. I take the same attitude with the matters of our Department. In a city the size of Los Angeles, with our diverse surroundings and resident profile, coupled with myriad crime issues, we cannot expect to combat crime issues overnight. Instead, we must steadily gain on the problem to ensure that we win in the end. Our officers have been sprinting for far too long, and we cannot expect them to sprint for yet another goal when they are already tired from the previous race. We will get there in time – let's push our officers to succeed through positive motivation and a solid course, not through lofty goals that may endanger them in the process.

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January 2004

Roll Outs	11
Claims opened in League Legal Claims Unit	100
Boards of Rights assigned	14
Grievances opened	5
Grievances closed	6
Total grievances open	32
Open Meet and Confers	17
One hour legal referrals	39

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- BIG 50** An informal association of the 50 largest law enforcement associations in the United States.

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Update: Board of Inquiry Lawsuit

We are going to court! Letters were sent out on January 15, 2004, updating the plaintiffs in the Board of Inquiry lawsuit. On December 22, 2003, I attended mediation with the City Attorney's office and representatives of the Chief's office. Attorney Elizabeth and Steve Silver were with me, as well as our General Counsel Hank Hernandez. During mediation, we felt we proposed a fair resolution to settle the lawsuit. However, the City was vehemently opposed to any resolution which would involve an opportunity for proposed class members to be promoted. Also, the City was not willing to offer a monetary remedy to sufficiently compensate the class members. Subsequently, on January 9, 2004, the attorneys appeared in court and advised the court that we can not reach a settlement and are going to trial. There are no more negotiations planned and it is in the hands of the court to render a final decision. We hope to have a court decision within this year. I will update the membership as we proceed through this litigation.

One of Our Own is Honored by the President of the United States



Chief Hillmann presents Department's Certificate of Recognition to Officer Geaney.

It was my great honor to be present and congratulate Police Officer II Shannon E. Geaney at her award presentation in the Chief's office.

Officer Geaney is a Captain in the



League Director Tim Sands, Chief Hillmann and Officer Geaney.



From left - Officer Dennis deNoi, League President Robert Baker, Officer Shannon Geaney, League Director/Vice President Tim Sands, Lt. Dan Mulrenin.

USMC Reserves. She has been with the Department since September, 1998. She received a Meritorious Service Medal from the President and a Certificate of Recognition from the LAPD for her support of manpower needs and casualty data in Iraq. Commanders in the Iraqi theater heavily used this information during the Iraqi campaign. Officer

Geaney is to be congratulated for her commitment to serving the war on terror and merits the esteem and honor of these two awards.

Job well done!

(Editor's note: see Military Liaison Officer Dennis Denoi's article for further information.)

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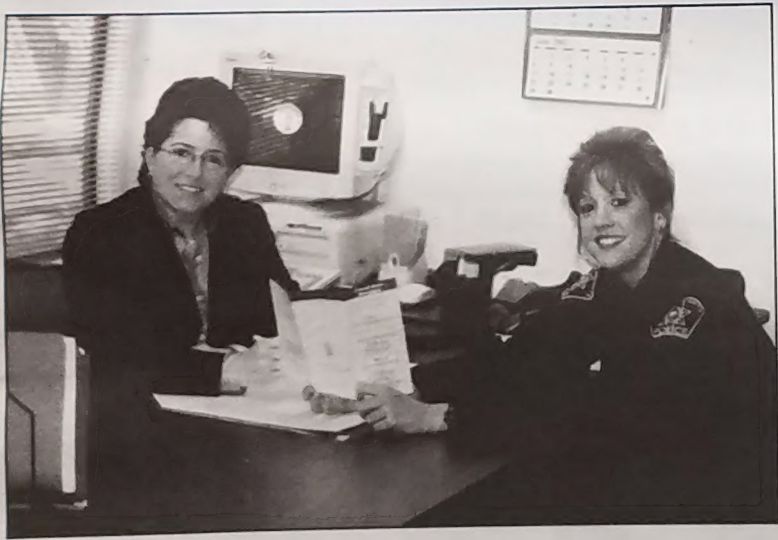
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Lessons from a Gang Cop

One of our Department's most experienced gang officers has written a book that I would like to recommend to you. Detective Tony Moreno's book titled "Lessons from a Gang Cop" is not about teaching someone how to combat gangs and putting them in jail. Instead, it is advice to all of us, perhaps focused a little more on the newer generation of coppers, who are continually coming to grips with the job, the changes in our lives, families and situation.

Tony doesn't lecture. He gives wise counsel "lessons" and then illustrates his points with stories (from an experienced gang cop). The book is particularly important for those officers with two to 10 years on the job; for officers who are struggling with the dichotomy in which we as police officers live - in other words, being on the thin blue line between the civilized nice world and the world of

crime and violence.

It is available at the Academy and from the publisher at www.astwood.ca. *Lessons from a Gang Cop* by Tony Moreno.

Developing Life Time Learning

The 7th Annual Alan J. Garcia COLLEGE FAIR will be held on March 30, 2004, from 1000 to 1400 hours, at the Academy Gym. All peace officers, fire fighters and their families are welcome and encouraged to attend. We provide a free lunch at noon. The presentation is a partnership between the Police Protective League, the Department, the Police Credit Union and the Retired Peace Officers Association of California.

Education is vital not only to our on-duty life, but our off-duty life as well. We know it gives you a more mature view of life, helps keep you out of trouble because you make better decisions, etc. I was never much of a basketball fan until I learned about Shaquille O'Neill. He impresses me so much as being a man who is unusually down to earth. He seems to be one who understands and values education.

For example, here is a guy who is wealthy beyond most of our imagina-

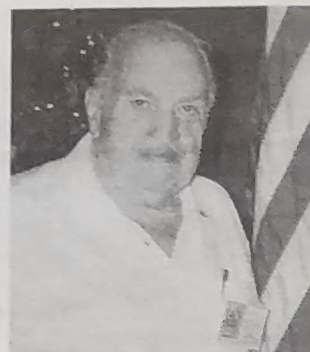
tions and yet he placed so much importance on his education that he continued to go to school after he started his professional basketball career. Then he missed a game so he could go to his alma mater to walk for graduation. That is what makes me think he knows that his education will help bring more fulfillment to his life.

Education helps to fill the voids in our souls - meaning filling the void in the person that you have to face when no one else is around. Money cannot do that. That is what education is about. Please encourage someone, if not yourself, to attend the College Fair.

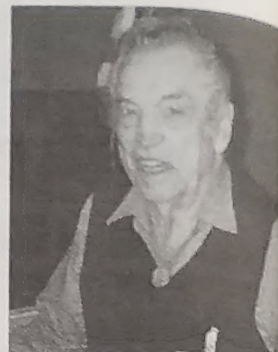
Inland Blue Line Association

Finally, I want to tell your about the "last" meeting of the Inland Blue Line Association. Driving out to Hemet this past January to attend the LAST meeting was indeed a treat. There were about 250 people there ranging from the recently retired to those who retired, well let's just say several decades ago. They came from as far away as Colorado to attend the event.

Started over 20 years ago by Loyd Yandle, the Inland Blue Line Association flourished because it was a loosely structured organization of men and women who shared on thing in common, a career and a love for LAPD that burned on in their hearts well after they left the job. The lack of structure in the meeting allowed them to get together for



Bert Fernald (ret.) is the father of Austin Fernald (Hollenbeck).



Loyd Yandle, President of the Inland Blue Line.



Les Jenkins, retired from Police Commission, and George Milemore also retired from Police Commission.

lunch and make good old stories even better. Thanks for inviting me to spend the day with you. I hope the Inland Blue Line Association will be able to continue.

Thanks Loyd for all of your hard work. And for all of you who are retired, thanks for helping make our Department world renowned. It was really heartening to know that there are a whole bunch of our predecessors out there rooting and praying for the coppers in the streets today. They want you to succeed and carry on the good name of LAPD that they gave to us.

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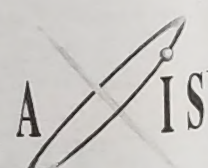
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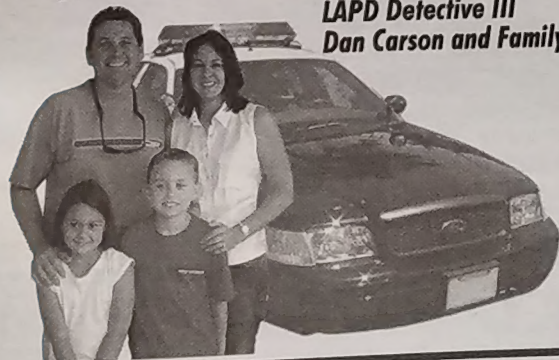
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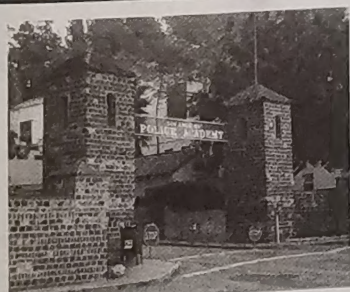
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POLICE WORK, NOT PAPER WORK

Mitzi Grasso

The LAPD had four maximum deployment days last month in order to provide security at the Grammy Awards, the NBA All-Star Game and the Academy Awards. LAX remains a top security concern, but terrorism fears lead to demand for security at other critical sites, as do the resulting deployment of resources. As you read this, I hope you are basking in the success we achieved in each of these events with no injuries to officers and no loss of life. I also hope you are not exhausted.

Even with all the extra deployments, we still have to perform our primary mission of the day-to-day duties of protecting the public. Greater demands than ever before have been placed upon area resources to combat crime with "real-time" enforcement efforts. Some strategies include task forces, saturating clusters of crime with police presence, contacting all parolees in every division regardless of the number - anywhere from 50 to 1500 - Z-Car deployment, and so on. We need to examine the costs of these efforts. When I speak of cost, I don't mean only financially - we must also factor in the physical and psychological toll these efforts take on our officers.

The lack of deployable resources is frighteningly low. During a recent visit to Southeast Division, I saw deployment

numbers that were unconscionable. Like so many other divisions, they do not have enough officers to saturate known gang areas every night until the thugs are defeated. However, with the consent decree continuing to restrict many activities of the Department, it is time for city leadership to address the negative effects it is having on our Department. While the consent decree was created with idealistic intentions of improving the Department, the reality is that it is tying the hands of our officers and, instead, is having the adverse effect of deteriorating the quality of service we could, and should, be providing the residents of Los Angeles. The consent decree is having the unintended negative consequence of impacting the Chief's ability to deploy forces as needed and to fight crime as is warranted.

Since my last article on the consent decree, more officers have been taken out of critical investigative and patrol duties to handling auditing duties. After the last Kroll report, our leaders should have recognized that, overall, the employees of this Department are doing an **outstanding job** in their efforts to reach the lofty 95% compliance rate goal in many areas. Despite the seemingly impossible parameters set forth by the independent monitor, members of the LAPD have been patient and each

time the monitor changes the requirements or requests more, LAPD delivers. But I'm concerned that the monitor does not stay consistent in the requests and requirements it sets forth, which makes the consent decree seem like a never-ending, impossible process. The target is constantly moving, and while we keep up with it, we never catch it.

The difficulty of some of the parameters is demonstrated by the following example:

It used to be that it was possible that in looking for witnesses, we could state we "canvassed the area for additional witnesses." Then the monitor decided we needed to write the exact addresses where we canvassed the area. Later, we were told that we were also required to state that everyone was interviewed independently. And, in addition, we now need to record a date, time and location when the witness or victim or complainants were interviewed.

This burial of initiative into bureaucratic trivia continues apace in other areas. Each month, in so many areas of our work, more and more details need to be included. Now, Use of Force reports, which are very often a study in much ado about nothing, have to include all of this information. So for a twist lock, we may end up killing a whole tree just to satisfy the requirements of the consent decree. Of course, to write books on each day's work simply means more officers are out of the field, and we have fewer resources to do what we are paid for and what the public expects: police work.

The restrictions on gang units have become paralyzing. And the demands of the consent decree in this arena keep getting more stringent. Isn't it clear to anyone that the monitor will never be satisfied with Gang Detail efforts? How else will they continue to earn millions of city dollars if they don't find fault with the program? There is a basic conflict of interest here which would not be tolerated in any other context. The monitor has a multi-million dollar financial incentive to NEVER be satisfied with LAPD's performance.

The real losers are not the officers. It is instead members of the public who have to wait longer for police to respond to calls for service because the decree drains away resources. They are the grieving family members who have to suffer as murder cases go unsolved since there are not enough detectives to investigate these crimes, or enough officers on the street for citizens to feel safe in confiding crucial information. They are the businesses who suffer when people make the conscious decision to not shop in a certain area for fear of becoming a crime victim.

Instead of community leaders and public officials taking a common sense and courageous approach to this debate,

they continue to acquiesce to every demand of the consent decree. In the time of ever decreasing resources, every demand by the independent monitor is swiftly agreed to, no matter how unnecessary it is to achieving the goal of a better Department. The decree continues to deplete city coffers and enrich the consultants who work to enforce it.

Sadly, the city has not approached the judge overseeing the consent decree and discussed our compliance - 92%, 93%, and often 94%. Unfortunately, unblemished perfection or nothing appears to be the standard by which we will be judged. It seems that every time we get closer and closer to the bar, it is raised. It's akin to snatching candy from a child's hand, then putting it just out of her reach - and moving and hiding it every few hours so they know it is there, but can't get it.

It is interesting to note that not a single media outlet in Los Angeles has reported our **success with compliance**. In the absence of public scrutiny or a semblance of leadership, more scarce resources will be squandered to service the decree. A city that can't pay for real police services evidently has an unlimited budget for documentation.

We need a major turnaround. A new assertive tactic needs to be taken with the consent decree as we approach D-Day in June. Through the efforts of all employees, we accomplished more than anyone would have expected two and a half years ago. We have met every challenge with a good faith effort, no matter how difficult or tedious. Now it is time to serve the citizens of Los Angeles and provide them with the police service they deserve. We should spend more time in **doing police work than in documenting what we have just done**.

My frustrations are expressed on behalf of the officers I speak to each day. It is my job to represent your voices, and I feel obligated to make these opinions public. I know you are doing an honorable job of serving the residents of this city and providing them with protection, but often times all you get in return is another stack of forms and more rules to "guide" you in your jobs.

By June, the Department needs to prepare an in-depth analysis of our compliance, our efforts toward compliance and the unnecessary and unreasonable expectations of the consent decree. We need to take that to the judge and provide him with information on how this is affecting crime and our primary mission as police officers. We need to vigorously explain that the monitor has a grave financial conflict of interest that must be ended. Something has got to give and it can't be the efforts towards crime fighting. We need to spend more time doing police work, not paper work.

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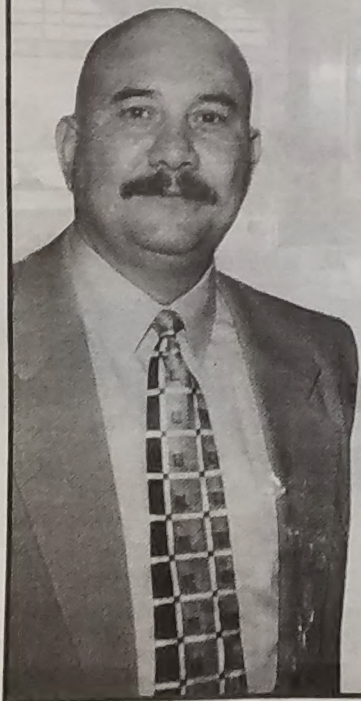
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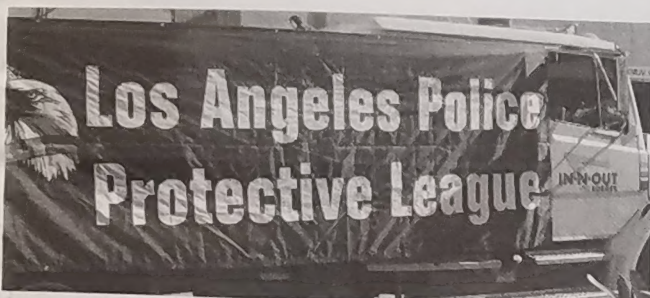


MEMBERSHIP OUTREACH

Corina Lee

As everyone is aware, Los Angeles is huge in its geographic scope. Covering 467 square miles, we have a population of 3.8 million. Considering that it's a stretch for a police force of just more than 9,000 men and women to serve this

know each of you works tirelessly every day of the year to protect our city, and it is important that we have an opportunity to meet with you, thank you and make sure we are meeting your expectations and goals. These interactions also provide an opportunity for the Board to answer questions, resolve issues and ensure the members are up to date on the various services the LAPPL provides, such as the enhanced legal plan, designated physician form, life insurance and medical and dental coverage regarding open enrollment.



massive city, you might understand that it is sometimes difficult for the LAPPL Board of Directors - numbering nine - to cover this area on a regular basis to meet up with all of our members.

E-mail and telephone are convenient ways to communicate these days, but the LAPPL Board believes it is important that we meet in person as often as possible. And while we see many of the delegates every month and individual members throughout the year, it is not often that we get to meet with large groups of our members to discuss current issues and address your concerns.

With this in mind, one of the top priorities for the LAPPL Board in 2004 is getting out to all of the divisions within the city to meet with all of you. We

units assigned to the 18 geographical divisions and Parker Center (traffic divisions are included with their respective geographical divisions).

For the next nine months, the Board of Directors will visit two divisions a month from 1100 hours to 1900 hours with In-N-Out food. Directors will be at each division to not only meet with members and share a meal, but also to assist members in any way we can. It is important that we sometimes break from our regular routine and get out into the divisions to speak with you directly and also show our appreciation for your efforts.

If you are assigned to a specialized unit that is not included in one

of the 18 geographic divisions or Parker Center, contact me for the date of the next In-N-Out Burger event taking place closest to your assignment. Information will be provided at each division in advance of the scheduled stops to ensure that everyone knows when the Board and In-N-Out will be stopping by. We look forward to seeing you all throughout the next several months.

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The candidate will be judged on his/her scholastic record and extracurricular activities. If qualified to compete, the candidate will be invited to participate in the essay portion of the Scholarship Awards Program.

The essay will be held in the spring of 2004. The essay portion will be administered on one day, at one time, and at one location. Applicants must appear in person on that day and time. There are no exceptions. The scholarship finalists will be selected by the League Scholarship Committee.

The awards are based on the ability to analyze the essay question and then respond to it in writing.

To receive an application, please come by the League office or request by

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The form asks for the pertinent information, a description of the crime and how the person would plead, as well as the motive. It provides the text of the Miranda Rights, which it instructs you to read to yourself and mark whether you understand the statement and if you wish to speak to yourself at this time. It concludes with "Arrest Myself Now."

While the page is marked at the bottom, "This form is for entertainment purposes only," you wonder if it might dupe some less-than-intelligent criminal into giving him or herself up in a moment of weakness (or stupidity). Let's hope the budget cuts at the LAPD don't get so serious so that we have to insert the Self Arrest Form onto our Web page!

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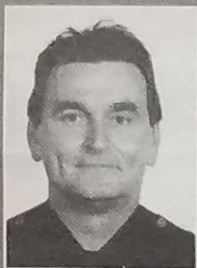


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Luther Lutz

The problem with writing articles for the *Blue Line* is that they have to be submitted a month before the paper is published. So here I am on January 31, writing my article for the March issue. As a result, some of the things that I am going to discuss or ramble on about will either have happened or will be old news by the time you read this.

Work Comp

Before I get into my article, I want to remind officers that are off work on sick or IOD status recuperating from an injury or illness that they need to take off the amount of time they need to recover from their medical condition. However, when you are **medically capable** of returning to work, even in a restricted duty capacity, you should return to work. When you fail to return to work when you are medically capable of working a restricted duty job it does not hurt the Department, it hurts your peers. It is your peers that have to do your work when you are not here and it is your peers that cannot get a T/O day because you are not here. So when you are medically capable of coming back to work you should return to work (please do not get upset and think I am suggesting that you should return to work before you are medically able or before your doctor has approved your return to

work).

As most of you know, there have been two officers arrested within the past few months for workers' compensation fraud. While I have no personal knowledge of the merits of these cases, I am always sorry to hear about any officer being arrested. Regardless of how these cases are resolved by the judicial system, the reputation of these officers and every officer on the Department has been tarnished. So this is just a reminder for everyone off work on sick or IOD status, do not put yourself in situations that allow your actions and integrity to be questioned. When you are on sick/IOD status because you are medically unable to work for the Department your activities could be monitored. Therefore, you should not be engaged in activities inconsistent with your claimed medical condition, work a second job, start a new business or attend school on a full-time basis. Do not put yourself in situations that can lead to some bureaucrat or someone with a personal agenda deciding that your activities while on sick/IOD status constitutes misconduct or workers' compensation fraud.

Background Unit

Now for my article, I want to mention some bonehead decisions that the Department is considering. Since being

at the League for the past year I have had the opportunity to see first hand some of the personnel changes or policies the Department considers or implements. Sometimes watching the decision making process of some Department managers is like watching someone suffering from a split personality disorder or some other type of mental disorder.

The first item I would like to discuss briefly is the direction the Department is trying to take regarding who conducts the background investigation of police officer candidates. The Department appears to be willing to hand over this responsibility to Personnel Department. This means background investigations for police officer candidates would be completed by civilians from Personnel Department. Anybody that has ever worked or been involved in background investigations knows the philosophy of Personnel Department, which is to give almost every candidate a chance since he/she is trying to turn their life around and has not been arrested recently or their drug usage was only for experimentation and it was a couple of years ago so why should it matter now.

The Department and Personnel Department definitely have different ideas about who should be hired. The City might save a few dollars by having Personnel Department conduct background investigations rather than sworn officers, but how will it impact the quality of the investigations and who is hired? How will other law enforcement agencies, the business community, and members of the community cooperate with a civilian background investigator rather than a sworn police officer during their interview of a candidate's suitability to be a police officer?

I am personally against Personnel Department being in charge of back-

ground investigations for police officer candidates. However, if the position have to be civilianized the Department should still retain the unit, not Personnel Department. The City might save a few dollars initially by transferring this responsibility to Personnel Department, but they will end up paying out millions of dollars in lawsuits in the future because of people that will be hired that should not have been hired. When other Departments lowered their background standards it resulted in candidates being hired that had criminal backgrounds who were arrested for dealing drugs out of their police cars while in uniform. We do not need something like that to happen here because the City wants to save a few dollars by transferring the background investigations of police officer candidates to Personnel Department.

Medical Liaison

The last issue I would like to discuss is the position the City and the Department has on how workers' compensation cost impacts the Department. In one hand they say that the cost has a tremendous impact on the Department's ability to function. Then they turn around and disband the unit within Medical Liaison Section that investigates officers suspected of workers' compensation abuse. How can the Department say they are concerned about workers' compensation costs and abuse then turn around and disband the unit that investigates these issues? I guess I am going to go to Blockbuster and check out an old movie, "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," to try to understand the Department's logic.

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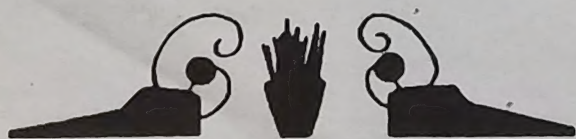
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PUTTING PROP Q DOLLARS TO WORK

Peter Repovich

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The benefit for the city – besides the obvious of improved and new public safety facilities – is that there is no impact to the General Fund because the improvements are funded by the general obligation bonds. Therefore, even though the city finds itself in a tight spot at the moment and is looking for creative approaches to hiring additional police officers, this construction can continue.

Proposition Q funds will improve, renovate, expand and construct 13 public safety facility projects throughout Los Angeles. According to the Proposition Q Oversight Committee, seven of the projects are ahead of the master schedule and six are on schedule. All of the projects are progressing as planned to meet or beat the seven-year timeline for the projects, which ends in 2009.

Below is a summary of the LAPD-related construction projects and the current status of each:

Bomb Facility – Metro: A new bomb facility will be constructed in the Metro area, which will be located on a new site and include a state-of-the-art bomb facility with a parking lot. It is planned to be approximately 28,000 square feet. The land exchange with the California Endowment Corp. is currently in progress, as is the design of the facility. It is anticipated to be finished by the end of 2006.

Bomb Facility – Valley: Similar to the Metro project, a new bomb facility on a new site will be built in the Valley. It will be approximately 8,000 square feet. The schematic design is currently in

progress for the facility and construction should be complete by the end of 2006.

EOC/POC/Fire Dispatch Center: This large operations center – estimated to be 82,000 square feet – will be funded by both Prop. Q and Prop. F, the Fire Facilities Bond Program. It will house a new Emergency Operations Center, Fire Department operations and dispatch and LAPD Operations Center with parking. The planning is ahead of schedule and the schematic design is in progress. The facility is planned to be completed by about mid-2008.

Valley Traffic Division and Bureau Headquarters: The property for the new Valley Traffic Division and Bureau Headquarters has already been acquired and completed escrow. The new facility, which will have 200 parking spaces and approximately 30,000 square feet, is currently being designed and should be done by the beginning of 2008.

Metro Jail: A new jail will be built on a new site. It will have 512 beds and include a parking structure in a total of 179,000 square feet. The schematic design of the jail is currently in progress, as is the survey and geotechnical work. The project is currently ahead of schedule and should be completed in the middle of 2008.

Harbor Station and Jail: The existing Harbor Station will be demolished and replaced with a new facility with a jail, vehicle maintenance facility and parking structure. A community meeting was held in December and the schematic rendering was met with favor from the group, therefore the design development is currently in progress. The new station should be ready by about the first part of 2008.

Hollenbeck Station: Property adjacent to the current Hollenbeck Station will be acquired to construct a new station with a parking structure and auto maintenance building. Six of the seven parcels of land that need to be acquired

for the project have either completed escrow or are currently in escrow and negotiations on the last parcel are in progress. The work on the design is currently in progress. The approximately 54,000 square foot facility should be done by the beginning of 2008.

Mid-City Station: Like Hollenbeck, the Mid-City Station will be built on a new site. The property has already been acquired and completed escrow. The design for the station is currently in progress and is planned to be completed by mid-2008.

Rampart Station: A new site will be acquired to build a new station with a parking structure and auto maintenance building. The schematic design is in progress and there is currently an investigation into temporary facilities for OHSD. The new station should be complete by the middle or end of 2007.

Valley Station: A new station will be built on land that has been purchased and completed escrow. The schematic design is in progress and the station is scheduled to be done by the beginning part of 2008. The project is currently ahead of schedule.

West Valley Station: Similar in concept and facilities to the other new stations planned, the new West Valley Station is well underway. Construction on the station is about 45 percent complete. It should be done by the middle or beginning of next year and will be the first new station completed.

Westlake Station: The new station is currently ahead of schedule. It is scheduled to be done in 2008.

In addition to the construction projects, there are 12 facility renovation projects that will be completed for the LAPD under Prop. Q. The police renovation projects are currently on schedule

and include the following stations:

Southwest
Foothill
Wilshire
Pacific
Hollywood
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Central
Police Academy
Devonshire
Southeast
Van Nuys
Northeast

Renovation budgets have been approved for 9 of the 12 stations, with renovation work at five of the sites actively in progress.

As you can see, the benefits of Prop. Q are actively being reaped in order to improve our public safety facilities throughout Los Angeles. For us to continue to attract top talent and also provide the residents of our city with timely and comprehensive services, we must provide our officers with modern facilities and resources.

While I remain confident that these new facilities – whether replacing older facilities or construction to serve new areas – will benefit the LAPD, it will be important that our city support the projects by ensuring that we have adequate funding to appropriately staff these facilities. Just like it's wonderful and exciting when you purchase a new house, it doesn't mean much if there is no furniture to put inside – we need to make sure there are resources available to service each of these new facilities.

I'm sure many of you will benefit from these improvements to our facilities and it is something we can all look forward to during the next five years as all of the many projects are completed.

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Consent Decree and Your Personnel Performance Evaluations (Ratings):

The City of Los Angeles and the U.S. Department of Justice agreed to enter into a consent decree on November 3, 2000, which allows for federal oversight of the L.A.P.D. reform process for a period of five years. In exchange, the Justice Department, which had been investigating the L.A.P.D. since 1996 for excessive force violations, agreed not to pursue a threatened lawsuit against the city.

The decree is 97 pages long, and is in 12 sections. As you can see below performance evaluations process was covered. The key phrase in that entire section is, "annual personnel performance evaluations are prepared for all LAPD sworn employees that accurately reflect the quality of each sworn employee's performance..." Please note it does not say quantity.

"C. Performance Evaluation System

54. Within 24 months of the effective date of this Agreement, the Department shall develop and initiate implementation of a plan consistent with applicable federal and state law and the City Charter, that ensures that annual personnel performance evaluations are prepared for all LAPD sworn employees that

accurately reflect the quality of each sworn employee's performance..."

The Department has always been obsessed with math. This is proven every day in every division when crime stats are bantered around in endless meetings and pre-meeting meetings. We place our officers and detectives in the mire of producing stats, reports, and projects. It is a wonder we have time to prevent or solve crimes.

We rate ourselves as a Department by the numbers we produce in arrests, seizures, and reduction in crime. Sometimes the Department takes credit for reductions which have more to do with other factors than our understaffed force accomplished despite their heroic efforts. Conversely we are blamed for rise in crime that is driven by factors completely out of our control such as lack of resources.

Terms such as, "You live and die by your numbers (recap)" or, "We need to do more with less", still continue to this day. Recap, although a tool, cannot and must not be the driving force in rating our officers. **Leadership by comment cards** seems to be the current trend. Pressure to produce more tickets, arrests, or seizures of guns and narcotics has led to more problems than we admit.

When concerns were raised about Rafael Perez before his scandal broke

they were ignored because he was a "high producer." This scandal almost destroyed this great Department and tarnished the reputation of all of us. To this day people ignore the truth and try to attack the integrity of honorable officers who work or have worked Rampart Division. I worked Rampart as a P-II, and know first hand the great work they do every day.

Simply adding your productivity and dividing it by days worked should not be the driving criteria for rating employees. Quality of the employee's work should be the standard. We talk about the importance of quality versus quantity. Chief Bratton has urged his command staff to encourage their officers to do quality police work. But it is still only talk until we recognize and reward officers' work quality. I have yet to see any real change in this area. It's all about numbers!

New Thin Blue Line Features:

This month we have added some new items. This includes a new section recognizing some of our heroes, all LAPD officers who died in the line of duty during that month. This month we recognize and honor 20 officers who made the ultimate sacrifice (See page 19).

One of them is Police Officer Louis Villalobos. On Thursday, March 16, 2000, Officer Villalobos, assigned to Metropolitan Division, Special Weapons And Tactics (S.W.A.T.), was performing advanced training at the United States Marine Corp base in Camp Pendleton, when he slipped and fell off of a ten foot catwalk. Villalobos sustained serious head trauma and died from his injuries on March 17, 2000.

Officer Villalobos was a 30-year member of the Los Angeles Police Department. Villalobos joined the SWAT unit in 1983. He was a highly regarded peer leader. Officer Villalobos held the rank of Police Officer III + I, an Assistant Squad Leader. In 1999, Officer Villalobos received the S.W.A.T. Officer of the Year award and the Medal of Valor for his act of bravery in rescuing a fallen law enforcement officer.

If you want more information on any of these officers you can go to the following web sites:

California Police Memorial at <http://www.camemorial.org/>

National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund at <http://www.nleomf.com>

We have added informational or safety messages throughout the paper. This will include firearms qualification information, driving safety and weapons safety. Your safety is job #1.

We will also try to provide some insight (in a concise manner) of activities occurring here at the League (See page 4). Some believe the work stopped when the contract was signed, but nothing could be further from the truth!

We published this month the following list:

Divisions assigned by Directors Page 4.

The Blue Line committee will continue to meet and implement other ideas to improve the paper. The committee and the Board of Directors are committed to producing an award winning paper.

Help Wanted!

We would like to feature positive off-duty community activities of our members. For example at Hollywood Division, I spoke to an officer who helps with Special Olympics. He is going to submit a short story of this and three photos of an up-coming event. If you participate in a similar off-duty activity please consider sending us a short story and photos.

Hollywood Division In-N-Out Day:

On February 6, 2004, The In-N-Out truck and League Directors arrived at Hollywood Division to recognize their hard work and dedication. I am proud to say Hollywood is one of my divisions!

President Robert Baker and Directors Corina Lee, Luther Lutz, Tim Sands, Peter Repovich, Ted Hunt and I all helped out at the event. We were able to meet our members and discuss issues affecting them. Feni Richard of our dedicated staff was present to assist people in signing up for our Enhanced Legal Plan, designated doctor for workers' compensation, and a myriad of other services.

A good time was had by all and it was great to talk to our members in person. The driving force behind these activities is our newest director, Corina Lee. When you see her at your event take a moment to thank her!

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A MESSAGE FROM GENERAL COUNSEL

by Hank Hernandez, Attorney at Law

League Asks Department to Alter Tattoo/Branding Policy

On November 19, 2003, the Chief of Police issued Special Order No. 48 which prohibits sworn officers from displaying any tattoos and/or branding while on-duty. It requires all sworn uniformed officers to cover any visible tattoos and/or branding by wearing a uniform or skin patch that covers the tattoo and/or branding. The same policy applies to officers assigned to non-uniformed assignments by requiring that tattoos and/or branding be covered by approved business attire or by a skin patch. The alleged rationale for this drastic policy is to ensure that all sworn Department adhere to personal appearance "standards". The main question we have posed is, whose "standards" are being enforced by this policy?

For many months now, the League and Police Department management have been unable to reach agreement on a Department policy concerning tattoos and/or branding displayed by sworn officers. The League's position is that Department management refuses to recognize that, in these times, even good people wear tattoos. It is also the League's position, as articulated during a fact finding hearing before the City's Employee Relations Board during March, 2001, that public opinion is not the driving force behind this new policy. Rather, it appears that it is the subjective bias, prejudice, and opinions of a few high ranking command staff officers who are the engine propelling and driving this new policy.

Leaving aside the arguments over the necessity for the tattoo policy, it is conceded that the Department has a legitimate interest in ensuring that its officers do not direct profane, racist, or sexist comments toward the public or co-workers, whether such expressions of speech are verbal, visual and/or symbolic. However, this time the Chief of Police has gone too far with the tattoo/branding policy of Special Order No. 48.

The League, and many of its sworn members, object to this tattoo/branding policy on several grounds: (1) the policy

documented in Special Order No. 48 was not the proposed policy that was subject to the impasse procedures before the City's Employee Relations Board; (2) the policy documented in Special Order No. 48 is too broad, in that it prohibits all visible tattoos and branding, no matter how innocuous they may be; (3) it raises more questions than it answers; and (4) it is causing a significant morale issue with many, many officers. The problem areas with Special Order No. 48, from the League's perspective, are:

1. **Bad Faith Bargaining:** Special Order No. 48 was unilaterally implemented. It is significantly different than the policy statement Department representatives submitted to the City's Employee Relations Board during impasse procedures.

2. **No Grandfather Clause:** Special Order No. 48 applies to officers who already were wearing tattoos or branding rather than simply implementing a policy with regard to newly hired officers. In other words, officers who had tattoos when they were hired or those who had tattoos made for undercover assignments with supervisory approval, or simply had tattoos made before this Special Order was published, are now subject to special treatment and command scrutiny via this *ex post facto* law.

3. **Superfluous Language/Confusion:** Special Order No. 48 exempts sworn officers in an undercover capacity from this policy. So what happens to the tattoo(s) when they return to a uniformed or plain clothes assignment? The Special Order also defines a skin patch as "any patch or bandage that is of a neutral tone." What if the officer's skin color is not of a "neutral tone"? Will that patch look professional? We hear that officers are covering tattoos with dark neoprene sleeves, Ace bandages, white gauze, pantyhose, etc., is this professional?

4. **Responsibility for Inconvenience and Costs:** Special Order No. 48 requires officers to cover all visible tattoos or branding with clothing or skin-tone patches. There has been no representation by Department management that there is some merchant out there who makes patches which match or

approximate the many skin tones found in LAPD officers. Nor has the Department specified where officers may obtain the skin-tone patches. And, nor has the Department accepted responsibility for paying for these skin-tone patches. The Department has totally ignored that California Labor Code Section 2802 requires the employer to indemnify the employees for all necessary expenditures incurred by the employee in direct consequences of the discharge of his/her duties or his/her obedience to the directions of the employer.

5. **Troublesome Ambiguity:** Special Order No. 48 requires an officer to cover all tattoos or branding with clothing or skin-tone patches. At whose option? Does Department management reserve the right to decide whether a particular tattoo shall be covered with clothing or a patch? Or, on a hot summer day, may an officer choose to wear a short-sleeved uniform shirt and cover the 4" x 8" tattoo on his forearm with a 4" x 8" patch, or with a 4" x 8" piece of black neoprene sleeve, or with a 4" x 8" piece of Ace bandage, or with a 4" x 8" piece of white gauze (this one really concerns us - officers looking like mummies!)

In conclusion, the current tattoo/branding policy contained in Special Order no. 48 is flawed with regard to the points discussed above. The League has asked Department management to alter or modify this policy to no avail. As a result, the League's Board of Directors has authorized the filing of an unfair employee relations practice charge against Department management with the Employee Relations Board.

We are also researching potential causes of civil action against the City. To

this end, we are requesting all officers who had tattoos or branding before they were hired, and any officer who had a tattoo(s) approved by supervisors for an undercover assignment prior to the publication of Special Order No. 48, to contact our Legal Department at (213) 251-4575 so we may discuss specific circumstances.

Lastly, it is a shame that the first sentence of Special Order No. 48 states as follows: "Professionalism is the foundation and hallmark of the Los Angeles Police Department, and it is the major contributor to our worldwide reputation for excellence." We are sorry to report that LAPD's "excellence" has taken a dump because of Special Order No. 48. Many officers feel and look like freaks in order to avoid discipline for not complying with its provisions. We have also received communications from many other law enforcement officers and military personnel who have mocked and ridiculed this new LAPD policy. The timing for the issuance of this new policy was horrible. The City, the Department and the members of the community we serve depend on well-motivated officers who are willing to take the extra step, at a time of limited resources and replacement personnel, to have a true impact on crime reduction throughout the City. The morale problem that this poorly implemented policy has had on our troops needs to be recognized by all City officials who truly care for our sworn officers. We urge them to join the League in persuading the Chief of Police to modify the provisions of Special Order No. 48 now!

Be safe out there and call the League for assistance when needed.

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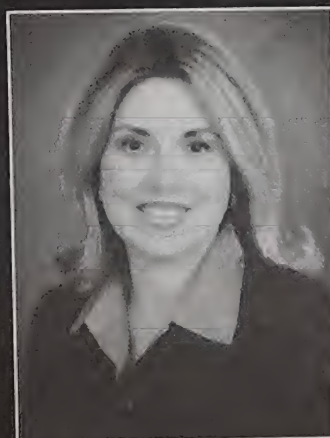
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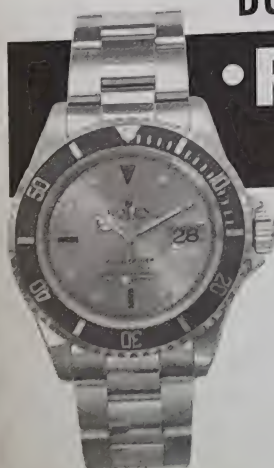
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The Long Journey of Officer Shooter

Part 4—Standing By for the CIID Interview

[Review of Part 3. Officer Shooter has just participated in the walk-through. Try as he might, when he revisited the scene for the walk-through he could not see the gun that he thought the suspect had drawn on him. Worse yet, from the silent behavior of Sergeant Babysitter, he strongly suspected that he had killed a juvenile.]

The Ride to the Station

My mind was racing as Sergeant Babysitter eased the black and white under the yellow tape being held high by a perimeter officer so we could pass beneath. I looked back at the scene out the rear window. The sergeant was driving a cage car and my view of the scene was broken into little squares by the iron cross bars of the cage. I could see the CIID investigators leading a group of suits towards the walk-through scene. I could still clearly see the sheet draped body on the ground. It was divided in my vision into two squares by the bars of the cage. A thought went through me like an electric shock. Maybe looking through bars was going to be my future. I jerked my eyes to the front.

"What are they doing?" I asked Sergeant Babysitter. I did not really care. I just felt like talking and thinking of something else. Anything else.

Sergeant Babysitter looked out through his side view mirror at the scene rapidly receding in the distance.

"Brass walk-through," he said. "Captains, commanders, district attorneys, Inspector General. All the people with a need to know." The sergeant accelerated rapidly down the street. "A big show and tell," he said.

We drove on in silence.

"God, I'm tired," I said, just to hear a voice.

"Kid," Sergeant Babysitter said, his voice low, "there's a shit storm coming your way. Just take it one piece at a time and you can get through it."

His voice was fatherly, although he could not have been over five years older than me. It didn't matter. Any advice sounded good.

Perspective of an Inspector General Roll Out Person

Richard M. Tefank has been around the block. From 1968 to 1972 he was a Montclair police officer. Then he went to Pomona PD where, among other things, he became the president of the Pomona Peace Officers Association. He rose to the position of Chief of Police. In 1989, he became the Chief of Police of Buena Park PD. In 2001, he went to a position as the liaison to southern California law enforcement for the State Attorney General's Office. He is also on the California Peace Officers Memorial Foundation board. As of last December, he is now an Assistant Inspector General for the Police Commission. One of his responsibilities is the supervision of the IG's Use of Force section. That means roll outs.

The IG can choose to roll out on anything, but, generally, it will be officer-involved-shootings, usually with hits. The IG may also roll on a LERII with significant injury, or anything else that is just plain unusual.

Richard will respond to the scene of the incident and be briefed by LAPD staff officers and CIID as to what is then known about the incident. From that point on, he will standby observing the activity. Eventually, the officers involved in the incident will be transported to the scene for the walk-through. He will standby some more while the walk-through is conducted by CIID. Then it becomes his turn to participate in a walk-through. The CIID lieutenant will give him, the district attorney representatives, and the command staff their own walk-through with an explanation of what is believed to have happened, up to that point. It is not Richard's job to conduct the investigation. He is there to provide overview and review. The review will come later. After the walk-through, he leaves.

Much of what Richard does is Consent Decree driven. For instance, he has to fill out a report on each notification and each response for Consent Decree tracking purposes. In point of fact, insuring that the Consent Decree is complied with is a big part of his job.

Richard feels that the walk-through is invaluable to him. The use of force reports will ultimately come through his unit. Photographs and diagrams can only do so much. He feels that his presence on the scene and the walk-through given to him by CIID give him the perspective necessary to do his job. Conditions, landscape, vehicle positions and a thousand other details experienced in person will help him be as fair as possible to all parties when reviewing the reports.

The CIID report will eventually go to the IG Use of Force Unit and the LAPD Use of Force Unit simultaneously. Richard and his people will review the report and monitor its progress. Eventually, there will be a Use of Force Board and Richard will attend. Thereafter, the Board makes a recommendation to the Chief of Police. The Chief of Police will send his recommendation to the Police Commission. That recommendation is reviewed by Richard's section and analyzed for the Police Commission with a special emphasis on Consent Decree compliance. Finally, with the advice of the Inspector General, the Police Commission will make its final decision on the propriety of the officer's actions.

Assistant Inspector General Richard Tefank has the following advice for officer's involved in uses of force.

"The goal of the investigation is to find the true facts surrounding the use of force. The true facts are usually of help to the officer. It is in an officer's best interest to be as honest, thorough, and forthright as he, or she, can be to assist the investigation in finding the true facts because, at the end of the day, truth will serve the officer best. Tactical mistakes can be dealt with, untruths cannot."

Perspective of a League Roll Out Attorney on the Walk-through

Accuracy is important. In fact, accuracy is of paramount importance. The most innocent mistake can be twisted by those with an agenda to do so into jury convincing evidence of a cover-up, racially motivated murder, police brutality, false arrest, violation of constitutional rights, or what ever the flavor of the month is in police litigation, or media hysteria.

Many law enforcement agencies do not do a walk-through. LAPD does them for narrowly defined, but important, purposes.

The League recently sued the Department over walk-through issues. The suit was dropped in exchange for (among other things) clearly defined written guidelines of how walk-throughs were supposed to be conducted. Here is a quote from those guidelines as issued by the Deputy Chief in charge of CIID.

"The main purpose of the walk through is to determine the physical parameters of the scene, the positions of the officer, suspects and any other involved parties at the time of the Use of Force." [emphasis added]

It is also recognized in the guidelines that officers involved in violent confrontations tend to block out their surroundings and that allowing the officer to view the scene is helpful in explaining their movements and tactics in the subsequent interview.

The guidelines continue:

"Information obtained from officers during the walk through should be cursory in nature and relevant to determining the physical parameters of the scene and establishing the positions of the participants. The information obtained should not elicit specific state of mind or tactical considerations." [emphasis added]

Given these parameters, one would think that most walk-throughs should take no more than ten minutes. The detailed taped interview is done later at the station and that will take a considerably longer time.

The rationale for this policy is evident. If the officer is going to go through a highly detailed taped interview back at the station, why do it twice? There is a second more serious reason for this policy. The Consent Decree requires that all "interviews" be tape recorded. Establishing physical parameters and positions at a walk-through is not an interview. However, inexperienced CIID investigators could easily convert a walk-through into an interview by asking questions beyond the proper scope of a walk-through. What then?

Let's take a hypothetical case of a typical officer-involved-shooting where a unit responds to a radio call of a robbery in progress and one of the officers ends up shooting a robbery suspect. The shooting officer, his partner and two other units who observed the shooting are transferred to the station and the usual notifications are made. Eventually the six officers are transported back to the scene for the walk-through. Of course, pursuant to the Consent Decree, all of the officers have been separated and will go through the walk-through separately. What problems are caused by the investigator who must know all of the details of the use of force at the walk-through that have no relevance to the issues of defining the physical parameters of the incident scene and the positioning of the players?

First, the investigator is not following Department policy. This seems somewhat hypocritical when one considers that the focus of the investigation the investigator is conducting is to determine if others are following Department policy.

Second, the ten minute walk-throughs turn into thirty minute walk-throughs. That means that instead of the six officers finishing in one hour, they will not be finished for three hours. This can result in sleep deprivation problems, excessive overtime, and major streets being closed down for more time than is necessary.

Third, the investigator is violating the Consent Decree. Since the Department is struggling valiantly to be in compliance with the Consent Decree, this can't be good. The investigator that insists on asking questions that take the officer from the time he received the call until the time

he gave his public safety statement has unquestionably conducted an interview. The Consent Decree requires that "interviews" be tape recorded.

Fourth, the investigator has opened the City and the officer to civil liability. Inexperienced investigators may be accustomed to being on the prosecutor's, or advocate's, side of the table across from an accused officer, but this is a different ball game. The plaintiff's attorneys out there in lawsuit land know that the big money is in selling another LAPD "cover up" to the jury. Juries are usually forgiving of mere mistakes made by an officer in a high stress situation, but cover ups raise jury ire. Therefore, our investigator is likely to be sitting at the defendant's table next to the shooting officer as a co-conspirator as the plaintiff's attorney attacks the veracity of the CIID investigation. The investigator can expect to be on the witness stand sitting next to a four foot by six foot blow up exhibit of the Consent Decree section that requires "interviews" to be tape recorded. The investigator can then try to explain to the jury why it took thirty minutes to draw two chalk lines on the scene pavement and what relationship questions about how the officer received the call, why he shot, and what he told the first sergeant to arrive, had to do with defining the physical parameters of the scene and positioning the players. If he can't convince the jury that it takes thirty minutes to draw a couple of chalk lines, he will probably lose all of his credibility when he denies that an "interview" took place. Conversely, if he admits that he did conduct an interview during the walk-through, he will probably lose all of his credibility because he violated the Consent Decree and did not tape record it. He can then listen to the plaintiff's attorney tell the jury that the reason that the walk-through took thirty minutes was because the investigator was conspiring with the officer to come up with a story and that is the real reason that he didn't tape this "interview" in direct violation of the Consent Decree.

Such are the dangers of not following the rules. The true facts get harder to prove.

Back at the Station

I was back in the captain's office. I and Sergeant Babysitter waited. The League director brought in some pizza. I didn't realize it, but I was starving. I wolfed it down. I waited some more. I went to the bathroom, accompanied by Sergeant Babysitter. I saw my partner go into one of the detective interview rooms down the hall with the CIID investigators as we were returning to the captain's office.

"They do the shooter last," Sergeant Babysitter said, anticipating my question. We waited. I looked at my watch. I had been on duty twenty-three hours and awake twenty-seven. I was exhausted. And still I waited. It seemed like hours. I looked at my watch again. It had been hours.

Finally, there was a knock at the door. Sergeant Babysitter wearily got up and answered it. It was the League rep.

"They're ready for you," he said. I didn't care anymore. I just wanted to get it over with and sleep. We walked down the hall to the detective's interview room and went in. I sat down amidst the tape recorders, tapes and paperwork.

"What unit were you working tonight?" the interviewer asked, his pen paused over a form.

For the life of me, I couldn't remember. This is just great, I thought, but once again, I no longer cared. I just wanted to get it over with.

The interviewer looked at me expectantly, patiently waiting for my answer.

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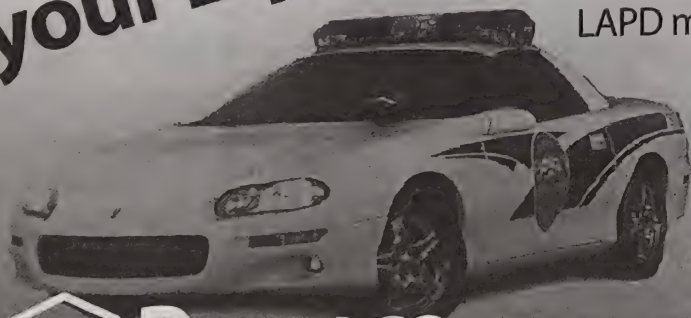
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A Message From Chief Bratton

What a Difference One Year Can Make

Give me a story to tell and I will tell it. That's what I asked of you last year, and you delivered. Your story is the story of success, a story of the Real LAPD. I am telling it to the decision makers, and to the communities of Los Angeles. There are very visible and positive signs that people are listening.

Take for example a recent editorial in the Los Angeles Times, a newspaper that in the past has been extremely critical of the Department. The editorial titled, "A Blue Line Stretched Thin," acknowledges that while we don't have the number of cops we need, we are reducing crime, we've set some ambitious goals for this year and more gang bangers are shooting at police officers. Quoting the editorial: "The city cannot tolerate attacks on its police force. Nor can the City Council abandon its efforts to hire more cops." This positive response by one of the largest media outlets in the City truly recognizes all of the hard work performed by Department personnel in the past year.

In 2003, gang-related homicides were down 30 percent. There was nearly an eight percent reduction in total gang-related Part One crimes. You are putting the heat on the gangs...and they don't like it. Last year, there were 40 incidents in which 84 officers were shot at...compared to 33 incidents in 2002. Eighty-four officers' lives on the line...fortunately no police officers' lives were lost to this mindless violence. But that 21 percent increase in shots fired at officers caught the attention of City lawmakers. The Council has increased the reward from \$25,000 to \$75,000, for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone who shoots at an LAPD officer.

Another example of support comes directly from those we are sworn to protect and to serve, the people of the City of Los Angeles. More murderers are behind bars and more gang members are off the streets thanks to the community's commitment to help the LAPD by providing information and tips, often anonymously. This is a direct result of our continued efforts over the past year to improve the rela-

tionship between the Department and the communities we serve. This year, we will work even harder to gain their trust and give residents a reason to be proud of "their" Department.

These three examples best illustrate that together, the men and women of this Department have made a tremendous impact. What a difference one year can make.

Focusing on 2004 we want to continue the momentum. While the goals may seem a stretch...reducing homicides by another 20 percent and Part One crime by 20 percent, I firmly believe you are capable of making that stretch. We will also attempt to improve our clearance rates on overall Part One crime by 25 percent. We expect to reduce response time City-wide to eight minutes and to achieve full compliance with the Consent Decree. These ambitious goals will require a more assertive and focused policing style. So as you work harder, I'll be doing all I can to improve officer safety. There will be enhancements in tactics and training and an ongoing push to increase our ranks and get more officers on the streets.

During the ongoing budget debates, the command staff and I will use the reduced crime rate to illustrate the direct economic impact gained from your hard work last year. Based on calculations of the actual cost of crime to a city, the savings last year from our efforts in reducing homicides by 21 percent represents \$462 million dollars. Add to that the reductions in rape, robbery and aggravated

assaults and the savings increases by another \$31 million. With the goals we have set for crime reduction this year, the financial benefit to the City could be close to \$1 billion dollars. That's equivalent to the entire Police Department's budget.

With this information we will be showing the people of this City that although the Police Department is one of the most heavily funded of all the City departments, it is also "the" best investment. When crime is down, the savings to a city are monumental. Many people believe that we can't have an impact on crime during a poor economy. Just the opposite is true. If crime is down, the economy improves. That is why adequate funding for law enforcement is so important.

Your superb efforts during 2003 have helped the Department make a dramatic impact that is being felt by all of the City's stakeholders, many of whom are now partnering with us like never before. I will admit that the goals we have set for 2004 are ambitious, but based on the caliber of the members of this Department, the Real LAPD, I believe that these goals are attainable - and sustainable.

Improved officer safety, reducing crime and fear, and improving trust and cooperation from the diverse communities we serve...let's try to do it all in 2004.

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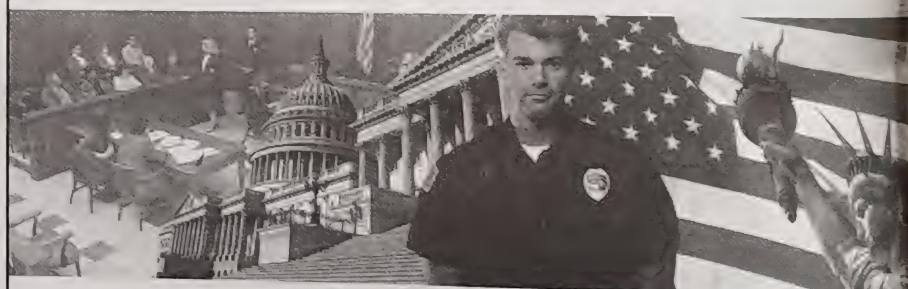
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Diane Marchant, Esq.
1308 W. Eighth Street, Ste. 206
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Dear Diane,

I have never before written a letter of this type, but feel led to do so now.

We have opposed each other on 25 writ petitions over the past five years. During that time, I have had occasion to observe several of your personal characteristics that are worthy of commendation. You have consistently exhibited the highest ethical standards and at the same time represented each of your clients with admirable vigor. Unlike many attorneys, the quality of your advocacy has never been compromised by unnecessary hostility toward or attempts to gain unfair advantage over opposing counsel. In fact, you and I have worked cooperatively on several occasions for the mutual advantage of our respective clients.

Even when I have disagreed most strongly with your positions on cases, I have found you invariably honest and fair in presenting your views to me and to the court. I can say without hesitation that if I were a police officer accused of misconduct, I would want you to represent me.

It has been a privilege to oppose you, and I hope to have the opportunity to do so again at some point in the future. I

wish you well.

Best regards,
Bruce Monroe, Deputy City Attorney
bmonroe@atty.lacity.org

The Killing of Burbank Police Officer Matthew Pavelka

As the year 2003 closes, it will be noted, among other things, as a year of violence against law enforcement personnel in Los Angeles County. Recent unprovoked shootings of police officers and deputy sheriffs dramatically illustrate the incredible dangers that threaten those who put on the uniform and badge to protect their fellow citizens.

During the past year, two law enforcement officers were murdered in the line of duty in Los Angeles County. Countless other officers were wounded, shot at and otherwise assaulted.

On November 15, 2003, Burbank Police Officer Matthew Pavelka responded as a backup to Burbank Police Officer Greg Campbell. Both officers were immediately engaged in a horrific shootout with two heavily armed individuals. The murder of Officer Pavelka and serious wounding of Officer Campbell dramatically portrays what street officers

are up against. But also demonstrated that night was how Los Angeles County law enforcement, the District Attorney's Office, and federal agencies can work together when confronted with a situation such as the shooting of Officer Campbell and the murder of Officer Pavelka. It was a sight to behold that night—the high level of cooperation among the assembled law enforcement agencies. The commitment remained until the suspected murderer was apprehended. The support rendered by the Los Angeles Police Department, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and some nearby police agencies, including the Glendale Police Department and the San Fernando Police Department, was beyond gratifying to the Burbank Police family. The Crimes Against Peace Officers Section of the District Attorney's Office dispatched their entire staff to perform a wide variety of support tasks. D.A. investigator squads were deployed to assist with surveillance and investigative duties. Federal agencies provided their expertise. The result was that the individual who had executed a brave police officer was apprehended on Thanksgiving Day. David Garcia will now be brought to justice. The performance of law enforcement in this case is a model for how we should deal with such

situations in the future.

The manner in which everyone involved came together in a true team effort to successfully apprehend a cop murdered should be reassuring to the good people we serve, and a strong message to those who prey on society and would harm our law enforcement personnel. When it comes to the murder or attempted murder of our law enforcement officers, we do not forgive, we do not forget, we do not give up.

Very truly yours,
Steve Cooley
District Attorney
LAPD Reserve (Feb. 1972-Oct. 1978)

To: Los Angeles Protective League
Attn: Hank Hernandez/General Counsel
From: Officer Carl Taylor, North Hollywood Div.

Approximately four months ago I was directed to a Board of Rights regarding a complaint that was initiated as the result of an off-duty occurrence. The original complaint was investigated and came back unfounded. The Bureau reviewed the complaint, kicked it back and requested that additional witnesses be

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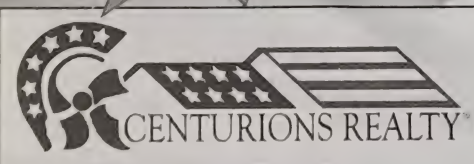
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APPOINTED: September 16, 1949
RETIRED: November 17, 1969
DIED: November 3, 2003

NAME: William E. Hawkey #6349
RANK: Investigator III
ASSIGNED TO: HUG -FSS
BORN: March 1, 1923
APPOINTED: June 16, 1949
RETIRED: March 13, 1977
DIED: November 16, 2003

NAME: William G. Penprase #3579
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: SLD
BORN: September 1, 1919
APPOINTED: September 23, 1946
RETIRED: September 5, 1971
DIED: December 4, 2003

NAME: Robert W. Atchison #3111
RANK: Investigator II
ASSIGNED TO: Northeast
BORN: June 29, 1919
APPOINTED: September 23, 1946
RETIRED: February 4, 1973
DIED: December 5, 2003

NAME: James E. Claborn #6023
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: SLD
BORN: February 1, 1923
APPOINTED: February 2, 1949
RETIRED: July 12, 1970
DIED: December 5, 2003

NAME: Julio Gonzales #4356
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: Community Relations
BORN: April 1, 1917
APPOINTED: March 16, 1947
RETIRED: May 4, 1967
DIED: December 5, 2003

NAME: Franklyn E. Batelle #2691
RANK: Sergeant
ASSIGNED TO: University
BORN: November 1, 1911
APPOINTED: February 16, 1942
RETIRED: July 1, 1968
DIED: December 13, 2003

NAME: Olun W. Graves #14210
RANK: Police Officer II
ASSIGNED TO: Detective Support Div.
BORN: July 28, 1937
APPOINTED: December 2, 1968
RETIRED: January 1, 1996
DIED: December 22, 2003

NAME: Leonard Chichester #4575
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: Central
BORN: August 10, 1925
APPOINTED: June 16, 1947
RETIRED: June 10, 1968
DIED: December 23, 2003

NAME: Robert J. May #3747
RANK: Lieutenant
ASSIGNED TO: Technical Services Bureau
BORN: April 16, 1923
APPOINTED: October 16, 1946
RETIRED: June 29, 1974
DIED: December 26, 2003

NAME: Luke M. McDermott, Jr. #5261
RANK: Policeman II
ASSIGNED TO: West L.A.
BORN: December 15, 1924
APPOINTED: January 5, 1948
RETIRED: January 16, 1973
DIED: December 26, 2003

NAME: Richard F. Knipp #3289
RANK: Investigator III
ASSIGNED TO: Pacific Detectives
BORN: August 15, 1921
APPOINTED: September 23, 1946
RETIRED: June 29, 1976
DIED: January 1, 2004

NAME: John "Mac" MacAllister #6450
RANK: Deputy Chief
ASSIGNED TO: BSI
BORN: September 12, 1923
APPOINTED: September 16, 1949
RETIRED: June 28, 1979
DIED: January 1, 2004

NAME: Charles D. Reese #7339
RANK: Deputy Chief
ASSIGNED TO: South Bureau
BORN: March 21, 1927
APPOINTED: October 1, 1954
RETIRED: June 28, 1980
DIED: January 10, 2004

NAME: Lewis L. Spurlin #4095
RANK: Policeman
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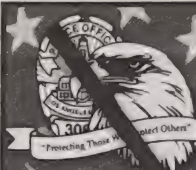
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ASSIGNED TO: Training
BORN: February 28, 1920
APPOINTED: April 26, 1948
RETIRED: January 6, 1974
DIED: January 13, 2004

NAME: Charles Clinton #6418
RANK: Investigator II
ASSIGNED TO: Investigation Headquarters Div.
BORN: January 26, 2004
APPOINTED: September 16, 1949
RETIRED: June 30, 1978
DIED: January 15, 2004

NAME: Laurence H. Reed #4477
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: Central Jail
BORN: November 12, 1924
APPOINTED: April 7, 1947
RETIRED: April 9, 1967
DIED: January 16, 2004

NAME: Kizzie M. Mixon #15414
RANK: Policewoman II
ASSIGNED: Newton
BORN: November 22, 1939
APPOINTED: August 11, 1969
RETIRED: December 28, 1976
DIED: January 19, 2004

NAME: Elizandro Guzman #15971
RANK: Police Officer II
ASSIGNED TO: Detective Support Div.
BORN: September 19, 1944
APPOINTED: May 18, 1970
RETIRED: July 4, 1995
DIED: January 25, 2004



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W R KREPS	03/28/16	Policeman
J M MILLER	03/14/26	Police Officer
J H CARTER	03/18/28	Policeman
J C COSTELLO	03/31/30	Policeman
H C JACKSON	03/01/31	Policeman
D C TISDALE	03/10/37	Policeman
L N BUNCH	03/08/42	Policeman
J O SUMMERS	03/03/44	Policeman
C H BRIDGEMAN	03/16/45	Sergeant
J D KENNARD	03/03/52	Policeman
L WISE	03/17/57	Policeman
J L CASTELLANOS	03/05/59	Policeman
IAN J CAMPBELL	03/09/63	Police Officer
J C SMITH	03/02/66	Policeman
K E WALTERS	03/27/72	Policeman
FRED H EARLY	03/23/73	Policeman
CURTIS C HAGELE	03/10/80	Detective
STUART TAIRA	03/01/83	Police Officer
LOUIS VILLALOBOS	03/18/00	Police Officer III

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interviewed and recommended a two-day suspension. The Chief of Police reviewed the complaint and directed me to a Board of Rights. The department alleged seven serious allegations as a result of their investigation. I contacted the League and requested representation. Pat Thistle was assigned to me as my defense attorney.

On December 9, 2003, my Board of Rights started. I advised Pat that I thought that the department had conducted an incomplete investigation prior to sending me to the BOR. Attorney Thistle did an outstanding job taking in additional information that the department never reviewed or considered. He interviewed and spoke to a key witness that the department made no attempt to contact until after they directed me to the Board of Rights. This witness held vital information to the truth of what really occurred. During the hearing, Attorney Thistle did a great job presenting the case and brought out the truth on what really occurred. He had an outstanding closing statement, which really drove home the important points of the case. The board members completed their deliberation and came up with their rationale. I was found *not guilty* on six counts and found *guilty* on one count, which I had pled guilty to prior to the start of the board. As a result of the guilty plea, I received a five-day suspension. Attorney Thistle's closing statement made such an impact on the trial that afterwards the civilian member of the board pulled him aside and told him that his closing statement was one of the best that she has heard.

Attorney Thistle should be commended for his dedication, attention to detail and his knowledge of the department policies and procedures. Thanks for a great job!

Dear Sir:

My name is Bart Peelman and I'm from Belgium. I'm a policeman since 1995 in a small place named Mamme

(about 40 km from Brussels). I would like to get in touch with policemen from the LAPD so we can talk about the job. My interests are motorbikes (I'm a member from the Blue Knights Belgium VII), firearms (I'm a shooting instructor), and sports (cycling, rafting, skiing, etc.).

If someone of the LAPD is interested to get in touch, please send me an e-mail (bart.peelman@Pandora.be)

Regards,
Bart Peelman, Inspector

Dear Editor,

I would love to begin by saying that in this time of crisis and post 9/11 terrorism threats looming over Los Angeles, I would honestly like to say I feel a lot more protected by the LAPD than any other city. Much like the emergency services we seen running into both World Trade Center buildings, to protect and to serve their people, I feel the LAPD in a heartbeat would run into the Library Tower or LAX, try to save the citizens of Los Angeles and possibly die trying. This is the image that is the LAPD. Yet at the same time, the LAPD's image has changed over the years from begin a mindless storm-trooper to a paramilitary organization that people (unless you're a criminal) feel safe to sit, talk, cry, laugh too. The tattoos show a part of the LAPD as being human. As being a part of society, civil servants, not this racist, oppressive organization. Let me share some examples:

What's amazing that I have seen was two LAPD officers (both a man and woman) speak openly and friendly to a 6'5" monster with tattoos, because the officer had tattoos too. When the officers first arrived, there was an air of apprehension. It was so thick you could cut it with a knife. The officer in the short sleeves had tattoos and cautiously approached the biker and said, "Hey, nice tats!" Both showed their artwork and both were amazed by the detail. The con-

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versation lasted no longer than five minutes and the monster was laughing in glee when he saw the officer's tattoo. Apparently, the officers stopped the tattooed biker for jaywalking, citing him and the monster smiled, apologized and left without an incident.

Another officer I saw stopped a civilian. The civilian, a black female, ran across the street against a red. The officer stopped her and asked why she ran across the street. She said she had to pee. She then saw a tattoo on the officer, a Native American design, and praised the officer for a beautiful artwork.

She said she too had a tattoo of her Native American heritage on her back but could not show it. She gladly accepted the ticket, smiled and ran to the toilet.

On the other side of town, an officer with tattoos was ordering lunch. A person with piercing, tattoos, dreadlocks was behind the officer when the civilian said, "Nice tats, man!" Both spoke about their artwork and ate lunch together.

They both chatted about each other's designs, where it was made, the purpose behind the artwork and the culture behind each design. It was later that the civilian said she was a CEO for a major company.

The LAPD has a lot to worry about. The tattoos help build that relationship with civilians. Growing up in Los Angeles, the LAPD was stereotyped (unfairly) as a racist organization comparable to that of the S.S. Insults and rumors spread like wildfire. The impression I got was: the LAPD officers were someone you do not strike a casual conversation with or feel the wrath of the PR-24. A lot has

changed. The image is fading, community-based policing is working, more people are trusting the police and them tattooed freaks can openly speak to the officers. The events of 9/11 were tragic, and it was NYPD, FDNY, EMS, all the civil servants and civilians who did their darnedest to save people. My question is why ruin the current image LAPD has now? LAPD, through the community-based policing, is working. Something as silly as a tattoo is building a rapport to people who would never dare speak to the officers and does not the images on the officer's body make you feel comfortable? It does to me and all the people who I interviewed. I just hope that the LAPD does not abandon the civilian population and trust by bringing back the S.S. image. Keep the LAPD as is, because they too are human and we trust humans more than robots.

T. Mamoru Hanami
Los Angeles

Dear Friends of the City of Burbank,

This letter of appreciation is being written on behalf of the City Council to all the friends of the city of Burbank who so generously and graciously gave their time, cards, flowers, donations of food and other supplies, and especially their support, after the loss of a member of our Burbank Police Department, Officer Matthew Pavelka.

No city can stand by and watch a dedicated police officer like Matthew Pavelka gunned down in the line of duty without suffering from a sense of over-

whelming grief and loss. It was during this tragic time that individuals, agencies, and organizations like you came forth and defined exactly what it is to be a part of a community. You put aside your own concerns and offered assistance to those you knew were in need.

It was through your thoughts, prayers and giving during this time that the community was able to grieve together, through a beautiful candlelight ceremony, with flowers and cards adorning our police/fire headquarters and "Guardians" memorial. We were also able to provide extra support to members of our police department employee family, each of whom worked so diligently on finding those who participated in this awful crime and bring them to justice. What you have done will never be forgotten by the city of Burbank and all our citizens.

I thank you all, and on behalf of this great city of Burbank, I extend to you my deepest appreciation for your support and caring.

Sincerely,
Stacey Murphy
Mayor
City of Burbank

Super Bowl...an MTV Disgrace

Which young person needs to be exposed through national television to crotch holding, female humping, breast exposure, and the dishonoring of the American flag?

Thank you,
J.J. Leonard

Special Investigation Section "Gone But Never Forgotten" November 30, 2003

In the beginning of man's sojourn in mortality, they were gathered together in clans or tribes. When members of those groups violated the social order, the men with the biggest clubs were called upon to render the miscreants either unconscious or dead, sans anything resembling a trial.

Law enforcement has indeed come a long way, with Sir Robert Peale of England overseeing the formation of the London Metropolitan Police Force, and as a result, being recognized as the father of modern day law enforcement.

Law enforcement agencies across our nation and around the world have implemented innovative ongoing changes or additions in tactics, equipment, staffing, and philosophy in order to wage war with historically better armed, less intelligent criminals who continue to ply their nefarious trade.

Such an addition was made in February, 1965, on the Los Angeles Police Department by Chief William H. Parker, and the Special Investigation Section was born.

The section was formed to ferret out career criminals who were escaping justice through the machinations of high paid mouthpieces and a lack of solid evidence or witnesses to their crimes. The newly formed section was charged with the responsibility of conducting surveillances of suspected criminals and thwarting them in their attempts.

Nine men, the ranks sergeant and policeman, were hand-picked from the department's detective roster and comprised the section's original staff and were assigned to Burglary Auto Theft

Division, the reason for which is still unknown. They weren't, however, provided with chairs upon which to sit or desks upon which to write. So they held their squad meetings in the subterranean parking garage under Parker Center or at supermarket parking lots in the area of the city in which they were going to work, using the hoods of their vehicles as desks.

Their original equipment was as archaic as the idea to house them at B.A.D. They were assigned four door unmarked detective cars from the Central pool to drive that every thug in town could "make" a mile away, and CC units that had seen better days from Property Division with which to communicate.

With this bastard child-like beginning, it was difficult for them to successfully follow a suspect around the block much less to a caper, but in a short time with the innovation of sprayed-on vinyl tops on their vehicles and hard-wired radios, suspects started hitting the slammer in ever increasing numbers. They were taken down during the commission of major felonies, with some becoming the responsibility of the county coroner.

The section was expanded to 18 men, and Lt. Dan Bowser was assigned as O.I.C to "keep an eye out." They were so successful that they became recognized nationwide and abroad as the premier surveillance unit on the planet to the extent that agencies across the country, including the FBI, petitioned them to give instruction in the surveillance techniques that they had so well honed. Bowser's reply to most of those requests was, "Let 'em learn it in the streets like we did." And on the rare occasions that such requests were granted, I was assigned the task.

Around 1968 or so, Sgt. Tom Ferry who was assigned to the section designed the "Little Man" logo that became the design for the gold emblem that we so proudly wear around our necks. I haven't removed mine except to replace a broken chain in 35 years. Ferry was later promoted to captain and was assigned as Commanding Officer of Detective Support Division where S.I.S. was eventually housed.

While the name S.I.S. may no longer exist on the department's organizational chart after December 14, 2003, the heroic exploits of the men assigned there, past and present, will never be forgotten or replicated by anyone or any other entity.

S.I.S. cracked more difficult cases under the most extreme circumstances, than any other unit on the department, or anywhere, while bringing praise to the department from an appreciative citizenry and law enforcement officials, nation and worldwide.

Any man who has ever proudly worn the "Little Man" can always stand with their heads held high knowing that they rose to heights of uncommon valor daily, often while the City of Angels slumbered and made it a much safer place to be.

Stephen Yagman, who has been a vocal antagonist of S.I.S. for years, must be prancing with glee over the news of its demise. But I predict that Bratton's decision, which is apparently fueled by Miller's erroneous assessment to end S.I.S.'s preeminence in the arena of surveillance investigations, will return to haunt him personally, sooner than later.

The greatest privilege of my 29 plus year career with LAPD was serving with the men of S.I.S. and having the honor of wearing the "Little Gold Man" around my neck forever. I salute you all and

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offer you God's blessings.

Sincerely,
Larry Brown, One of Sixty
LAPD Detective Sergeant (Ret.)
S.I.S. Supervisor of Field Operations,
1968-1980

Dear Editor:

I just wanted to let you know that as a fellow peace officer, 3,000 miles away, I support both the LAPPL and what you do for your officers and the officers of the LAPD.

I was an MTA police officer for almost four years. I know among the ranks of the LAPD street officers we weren't respected too much and were seen as "wannabes" in many eyes. The training and experience of working in Los Angeles is something that I will never forget, and the professionalism demonstrated working alongside officers of the LAPD is something that those around me now can only dream of. Since I left the MTAPD months before they were absorbed by the LAPD and LASO, I have been a Deputy Sheriff in Escambia County Florida (5-1/2 years). Being a 400-officer department (small to your standards), the lack of uniformity in training, appearance and attitude is quite evident. In some respects my department is 20 years behind and the casual attitude of uniform appearance is the norm. Only those who have transferred from locations that went through a "real" police academy or have prior military experience have a level of self respect in their appearance and attitude.

Keep up the good work and always let

your officers know they are number one. The LAPPL has brought you so much as in pay, protection and representation. You really don't realize what you have lost until you've lost it. Come do the same job at a 50 percent pay cut and with lack of support from both the administration and community. Your officers would soon realize what a blessing they have. Deputy Vince Odenbrett, #275
Escambia County Sheriff's Office
Pensacola, Fla.

A friend sent me the February, 2004, edition of *The Thin Blue Line* in which there were several notations, including a very nice piece by Lew Snow, of the passing of Larry Moore on December 19, 2003. I'm writing today to thank you for that recognition.

I'm not a member of the law enforcement family, but I was Larry Moore's best friend since we were five years old. I was at his bedside most of the 44 days he fought to recover from his injuries. During that time, and since his passing, the outpouring of good wishes and fond remembrances of my friend has been overwhelming.

Every day of his 31 years with the LAPD and in the years since his retirement, Larry was proud to be associated with what he considered the finest law enforcement organization in the world. He especially enjoyed his last assignment as Athletic Director at the Police Academy, where he helped create and conduct many athletic challenges for law enforcement and fire-fighting personnel around the world. Those of you who have competed in the Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay or the TCA competition know exactly what I mean.

He was deeply saddened and disappointed when the position of Athletic

Director, which he inherited from Bob Burke and nurtured and developed for more than 15 years before handing off the baton to Tony Adler when he retired, was apparently discontinued due to "budget constraints." This is a sad commentary on the condition of your Training Division and a very unfortunate and painful exclamation point to the death of my friend.

Thanks to all of you who considered Larry Moore your friend. His affection for you and the department never wavered.

Geoff West
Costa Mesa, California
(Editor's Note: *The new Athletic Coordinator is Ruben Escalin*).

Dear Bob:

Thanks for bringing the issue of violent assaults against officers to the forefront where it belongs. The department staff and the city fathers would be well advised to follow your lead in this matter before the situation gets out of hand. Back in the early 1970s, our officers already had to square off numerous times with so-called "revolutionaries" and other scumbags, and we don't need a similar situation to emerge again. Times have changed and memories have faded I guess. Now the chief extols the value of the Consent Decree and introduces yet another in a seemingly endless series of management crime fighting programs with screwy sounding names just a few pages down from your disconcerting article!

I would respectfully disagree with the chief's contention that the Consent Decree necessarily makes the department "better." From what I know of it, I believe that it will lead to uncertainty,

confusion, indecisiveness, hesitancy, and timidity among a large segment of the field force. Only the crooks could fully appreciate how much "better" of a department this is compared to years past. In fact, if the will was there, I bet a nexus between the increased assaults and the inordinate hamstringing of the officers wrought by mechanisms such as the Consent Decree could be made but, as I implied, someone would have to want to present the case and that is unlikely.

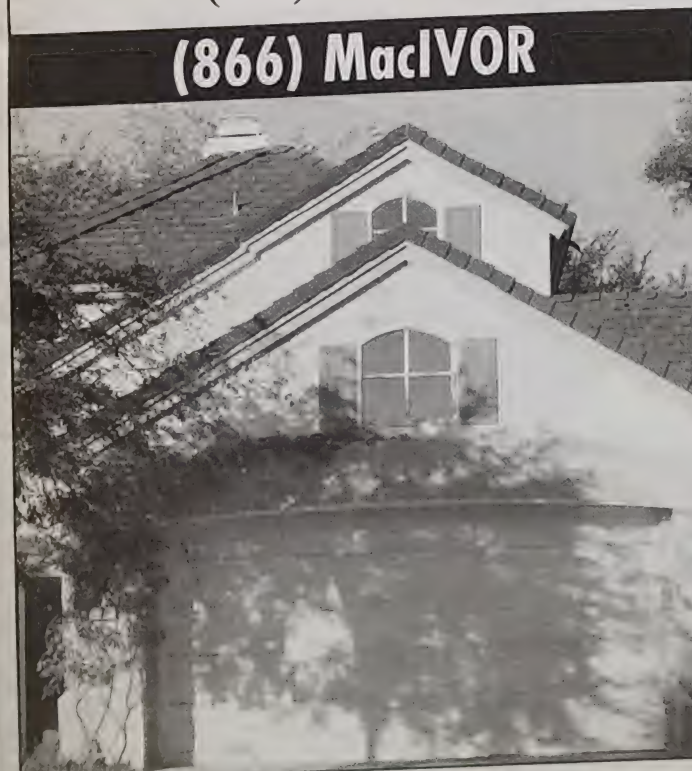
As to the matter of the latest craze in crime fighting stratagems, let me just say that the crime in town usually seems to stay within certain parameters through the years adjusting for inexplicable spikes and declines regardless of who the chief is or what whiz bang program he implements. So whether the chief relies on concentric circles or crop circles, the power of prayer or Louisiana Bayou country voodoo, tarot cards or geometric logic, very little or nothing will come of it (besides, I think we've tried them all before anyway in one form or another). Just let these officers go out and do the job they love to do unencumbered by bureaucratic 500 pound gorillas on their backs and reasonably certain that professed cop killers have been taken off the streets and safely tucked away in prison for several decades. The crime rate will take care of itself and nobody will even have to think of a catchy acronym for a new program. Imagine that.

Good luck, Bob, and keep up the good work as president.

Bob Cedillos (Retired)
Las Vegas, NV

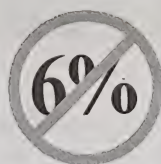


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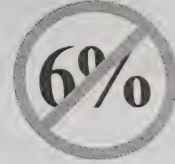
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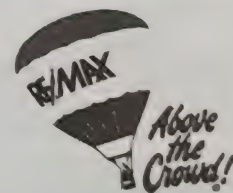
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POLITICAL FRONTLINE



LAPPL Legislative Report

by Timothy H. B. Yaryan - LAPPL Legislative Counsel and Advocate

By the time you read this, you may have already voted in the March primary. I'm sure by now that you're sick of all the political advertising—particularly the negative hit pieces which are “de rigueur” nowadays. However, there are several ballot initiatives which will, if passed, no doubt impact the League and our members.

The most significant of these is Propositions 57 and 58. I say those two propositions together because *both* must pass in order for *either* to pass.

Proposition 57 is the governor's \$15 billion Economic Recovery Bond. There has been a lot of politicking over this bond, with the governor warning that “Armageddon cuts” will be required if this bond fails, and State Treasurer Phil Angelides warning that we are ruining our children's future if we pass it. The fact is both men are campaigning for governor in 2006 and the truth lies somewhere in between. In truth, the \$15 billion bond issue is not a big deal, save for the “political” consequences. The bond would merely refinance (like you refinance your home) most of the short term debt that the prior administration amassed, and if the bond were to fail, the state would simply renegotiate the short term debt into new short term loans, but at much higher interest rates.

Proposition 58 caps future budgetary spending and allows the state to sell the bonds. If current polling is accurate, Proposition 57 will likely be defeated and Proposition 58 will easily pass, but will not become law because of Proposition 57's failure.

If that likely scenario plays out, the fiscal consequences will be next to nothing

in comparison with the potential political consequences. The governor will have lost his first major fight and with it the moral imperative that comes with his “bully pulpit.” Democrats, now in retreat after the recall, will sense the “blood in the water,” and the brief political honeymoon will end. Everything, literally everything in Sacramento, will take on a partisan note from now to 2006. That's why Arnold has been busy lobbying Democrats to support his bond measure, and that's why Democrats are very wary of doing so, because passage of the bond would prove that his public standing is reality, not perception, and would give him more political leverage over Democrats in the future.

Somewhere in all this, the real interest of the public gets lost in the partisan jockeying. In fact, raising taxes to bail the state out of the fiscal abyss is clearly favored by voters. The latest field polls show only 33 percent of the people in favor of the bond, whereas 61 percent favor a temporary income tax hike on the wealthy, and 60 percent favor a temporary sales tax hike.

What I am most concerned about, and what will most affect us, is if the voters reject the bond, the governor *may* feel compelled to back up his “Armageddon” rhetoric by slashing state spending *even more deeply, setting up even more catastrophic cuts to local government.*

Hopefully that will not occur. I think that if the bond fails, the governor will ultimately relent on taxes and he will be twisting Republican arms to vote for a temporary tax increase as he is now twisting Democratic arms to support the bond. Anything else doesn't make fiscal sense, as \$12 billion in further budget cuts will practically decimate every public service, including public safety.

It gives you something to think about when you go to the polls on March 2. It's not the fiscal consequences of Proposi-

tion 57 and 58 that need concern you, but the unintended political repercussions. However, that's not the only issue you should be concerned about.

Next column I'll update you on worker's compensation's significant new bill introductions for 2004 and give you a quick take on the outcome of the March primary. The governor has set March 1 as the “deadline” for the Legislature to enact “significant” worker's comp reform. If the Legislature fails to enact such reform, the governor will ask the voters to approve a worker's comp initiative that is, to say the least, draconian for peace officers! How draconian, you ask? For starters, the ini-

tiative will repeal all the presumptions for peace officers, and it only gets worse from there.

If reading my column this month makes you feel uneasy, join the club. With a governor who states public safety is the “most important” thing, the prospect of major public safety cuts, loss of jobs, no future pay raises, demotions, as well as significant loss of protection if you should get injured on the job should make you think long and hard about the new administration's policies and on how important it is now to have a strong, united and powerful nation.

Until next time, stay safe.

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Probation and Parole Searches

by Judge Ross Klein

Condition

An individual who is released on parole will be subject to search and seizure conditions. California Code of Regulations, title 15, section 2511 specifically states that the parolee's person, residence and property under his control may be searched without a warrant by an agent of the Department of Corrections or any law enforcement officer. Penal Code section 3067 provides that a parolee who is released for crimes committed after January 1, 1997, is subject to search or seizure without cause. This also applies to individuals released from the California Rehabilitation Center (CRC) (*People v. Guerrero* (1978) 85 Cal App 3rd 572) and the California Youth Authority (CYA) (*People v. Anglin* (1971) 18 Cal App 3rd 92). As to a search and seizure as a condition of probation, appellate courts disagree as to whether it may be imposed only if it relates to the underlying offense. Penal Code section 1203.1(j) allows a court to impose conditions "for the reformation

and rehabilitation of the probationer." The search condition must be reasonable (*People v. Lent* (1975) 15 Cal 3rd 481. If a defendant's probation is summarily revoked because of a possible violation, his search condition remains in effect (*People v. Barkins* (1978) 81 Cal App 3rd 30).

Knowledge of Search Condition

A search of a residence cannot be justified by the fact that the defendant's brother, who resided with the defendant at the same residence was on probation and subject to a search condition where the police were not aware of the condition prior to the search. (*People v. Robles* (2000) 23 Cal 4th 789.) In *People v. Sanders* (2003) 31 Cal 4th 318, the police searched the residence of two people. One individual was on parole, subject to search conditions; the police were unaware of the search condition at the time of the search. The Supreme Court concluded that the evidence seized must be suppressed as to both defendants. The Supreme Court did approve of the search of a probationer's

home when the officers knew the defendant was subject to search even though their subjective purpose was to gather incriminating evidence against another resident. (*People v. Woods* (1999) 21 Cal 4th 668.) An officer does not need to know of the defendant's search condition at the time of the search of the defendant's person. (Parole: *People v. Lewis* (1999) 74 Cal App 4th 662, Probation: *People v. Viers* (1991) 1 Cal App 4th 990). In *re Tyrell J* (1994) 8 Cal 4th 68) holds that juvenile probationers, who are subject to search conditions, may be searched without a warrant, probable cause or reasonable suspicion of criminal activity as it furthers the juvenile courts' goals of rehabilitation and the deterrence of future criminal conduct.

Suspicion of Criminal Activity

In *People v. Burgener* (1986) 41 Cal 3rd 505, the Supreme Court held that a parole search was not permitted without reasonable suspicion that the individual was engaged in criminal conduct. This ruling was overturned by *People v. Reyes* (1998) 19 Cal 4th 743. Reyes said that the parole search condition was enforceable "even in the absence of par-

ticularized suspicion." (19 Cal 4th 754). There is no additional requirement that the officer have a reasonable suspicion that the defendant is involved in criminal activity. The State's duties, reasoned the court in *People v. Sanders*, is to assess the effectiveness of its rehabilitative efforts and to protect the public, thus justifying the imposition of a warrantless search condition (*People v. Sanders* (2003) 31 Cal 4th 318, 333). *People v. Bravo* (1987) 43 Cal 3rd 300 held that no reasonable suspicion is required for police conducting a probation search. However, the officer must be aware of the search condition prior to the search of the defendant's residence.

Federal Courts

In *U.S. v. Knights* 219 F3rd 1138, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals stated that even if an individual is subject to search conditions, the officer must 1) know of the existence of the search condition prior to the search being conducted, and 2) must have a reasonable suspicion that the defendant is involved in a crime. In a not-too-subtle statement, the 9th Circuit commented on the California Supreme

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Court: "That court does not control our reading of federal constitutional law" (219 F3rd at 1144). On appeal, the United States Supreme Court reversed the 9th Circuit's ruling. The Supreme Court stated that the officer must know beforehand of the search condition, but did not

address the second, "reasonable suspicion," issue. It found that there was, nonetheless, sufficient reasonable suspicion to justify the search (*U.S. v. Knights* (2001) 532 U.S. 1018). A decision of a federal court of appeal addressing a Fourth Amendment issue is not binding on the California Supreme Court (*People v. Seaton* (2001) 26 Cal 4th 598, 653).

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Arbitrary, Capricious or Unreasonable

The officers' search of the person's person or residence may not be conducted if it is arbitrary, capricious, or harassing. (*People v. Reyes* (1998) 19 Cal 4th 743). A parole search is arbitrary and capricious "when the motivation for the search is unrelated to rehabilitative, reformatory or legitimate law enforcement purposes...or when motivated by personal animosity toward the parolee." (*People v. Reyes* (1989) 19 Cal 4th at 954). Reyes further stated that the search is unreasonable "if made too often, or at an unreasonable hour, or if unreasonably prolonged" (19 Cal 4th at 753). In searching the residence of the person subject to a search condition, the officers must still comply with the "knock-notice" requirements of Penal Code section 844 (Parole: *People v. Ford* (1975) 54 Cal 3rd 149, Probation: *People v. Negrete* (1978) 82 Cal App 3rd 328). The officer is not required to request permission to search from the defendant, and the defendant is not entitled to advanced notice that there will be a search pursuant to a search condition (*People v. Lillenthal* (1978) 22 Cal 3rd 891).

Mistake

The validity of the search depends upon the source of the mistaken belief that the defendant is subject to search. If the source of the error is a court employee or a probation officer, then the evidence will not be suppressed. (*People v. Downing* (1995) 33 Cal App 4th 1641). If the source is "law enforcement," i.e. police or parole officer, then the evidence will be suppressed. In *People v.*

Ramirez (1983) 34 Cal 3rd 541, the officer checked with his dispatcher and was incorrectly told that the warrant was still outstanding; it actually had been recalled six months previously. The drug evidence was suppressed since it was the responsibility of law enforcement to distribute only accurate information. In *People v. Willis* (2002) 28 Cal 4th 22, the police believed incorrectly that the defendant was still on parole and subject to search. The "good faith exception" to the exclusionary rule did not apply, and the evidence was suppressed since the evidence was seized pursuant to a police computer error. Willis also stated that if an officer relies on a search warrant issued by a neutral and detached magistrate, and the warrant is later found to be invalid, the officer may rely on the warrant in conducting a search; to do so otherwise would punish law enforcement for the error of the magistrate. A police officer may rely on the statement of the defendant that he is subject to search, even if it is incorrect. (*In re Jeremy G* (1998) 65 Cal App 4th 553).

Scope

The scope of a probation search condition is what a reasonable person would understand the condition to be, not the defendant's subjective understanding (*People v. Bravo* (1987) 43 Cal 3rd 600). Of note is the defendant who argued that while he was subject to a "search," this did not encompass the officer's "seizure" of the recovered contraband. Declining to engage in "semantic games," the argument was summarily rejected in *People v. Cervantes* (2002) 103 Cal App 4th 1404, fn.2.

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Dear Chief Wilson:

This letter provides information that may be useful to you and those agents or officers of your agency or department who seek to travel armed as ticketed passengers on commercial aircraft. As a result of the heightened security stance in this country, many longstanding policies, procedures and standard practices have been changed. The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has worked with the aviation industry and the U.S. law enforcement community to revise regulations and guidance governing law enforcement officers (LEO) traveling armed.

It is important to remember that *any* person, including a law enforcement officer, that attempts to carry a firearm or ammunition on an airline in violation of 49 CFR 1544.219 is subject to federal penalties. It has come to my attention that in several instances, law enforcement officers traveling for personal business (unrelated to their official duties) have presented themselves for screening with firearms in their accessible carry-on baggage. This is contrary to federal law and regulations. These officers are subject to both criminal and civil penalties. I ask for your assistance by reminding your officers that they not bring firearms into the sterile area of the airport unless they are on official business. By remaining informed on the current regulations, agencies and LEOs can help prevent any unintentional violations.

The regulations governing LEOs traveling armed can be found in Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1544, Sections 1544.219 and 1544.221. One of the requirements is that all LEOs who have a need to fly armed complete

the TSA training course "Law Enforcement Officers Flying Armed" prior to traveling armed on board commercial aircraft. State and local law enforcement agencies are responsible for providing this training to their officers, using a TSA approved training syllabus. Most federal LEOs who fly armed have had this training. If your agency does not have an updated syllabus, our office would be happy to assist you in obtaining the most current version. The training curriculum is also available via the FBI's secure LEO Web site.

The enclosed pages provide information that may be helpful for an immediate update on the subject of LEOs flying armed. The first enclosure is a basic statement as to TSA's policy regarding LEOs traveling armed. It highlights regulatory and procedural changes that each agency should be made aware of. The second enclosure is a copy of 49 CFR 1544.219, *Carriage of accessible weapons*, and 49 CFR 1544.221, *Carriage of prisoners under the control of armed law enforcement officers*.

Please pass on the information contained in this letter and attachments to each and every LEO or agent who has a need to fly armed. It is our goal within the TSA to ensure that every officer stays within the regulations and has a successful flight. If you have any questions, feel free to call Assistant Federal Security Director-Law Enforcement Paul Lipscomb at (310) 410-3301.

Sincerely,
Lawrence Feters
Federal Security Director
Transportation Security Administration
Los Angeles International Airport

Armed Law Enforcement Officer Aboard Commercial Air Carrier Aircraft

The TSA recognizes that, at times, law enforcement officers (LEOs) have the need to fly armed. For state and local LEOs, the regulation provides a process by which they may gain authority to fly aboard a particular flight in an armed status in conjunction with a specific duty assignment. Your agency will issue you a letter, citing your need to travel armed and signed by the appropriate agency administrator. These requirements are listed in federal regulation 49 CFR 1544.219. Federal LEOs, if approved by their agency policy, do not need an authorizing letter. Being prepared to follow these procedures to assist you in your travel:

1. Remember, if your agency has not authorized you to fly while armed, you will be subject to federal penalties for attempting to bring a firearm or ammunition onto an aircraft. If you are not authorized to fly armed but will need your weapon at your destination, just follow these simple procedures: Pack the unloaded firearm in a locked, hard-sided container; package the ammunition in a container designed to carry ammunition; and declare the unloaded firearm to the airline during check-in. You may be asked to unlock the container for further inspection during the baggage screening process.

2. It is absolutely critical that you fulfill, in a timely manner, your obligation to notify the air carrier in advance of your intended travel. Your check-in process must be accomplished in full compliance with TSA requirements and

air carrier policy, usually more than one hour in advance of the departing flight. You will be asked to complete a "Flying While Armed" form by the airline representative, who will also ask to verify your law enforcement credentials and your agency letter authorizing you to fly armed. You should be given a copy of this form, which you will have to present later when passing through the security checkpoint.

3. At the security checkpoint, you will advise the TSA screening representative that you are a LEO traveling armed. You will then have your law enforcement credentials, airline travel documents, and the "Flying While Armed" form reviewed by either a police officer or a TSA Supervisor (depending on the airport). The police officer or TSA representative may ask for a second form of identification, such as a driver's license, to verify the credential and agency letter.

4. If you have not completed the TSA-approved "Flying While Armed" training program, check with your agency's training representative. It is your agency's responsibility to administer this training.

5. Your LEO status will be communicated to any TSA Federal Air Marshals on board your flight, who may approach you to coordinate. The pilot and flight crew will also be aware of your armed status and may also approach you for a pre-flight discussion. No one should ask for your firearm, and you should not surrender it to anyone. You must keep your firearm concealed and on your person during the flight. You must not consume

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Armed Law Enforcement Aboard Commercial Aircraft

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any alcoholic beverages if you are flying armed. The airline cannot serve alcoholic beverages to any LEOs in an armed status.

6. When in doubt, refer to federal regulations 49 CFR 1544.219, *Carriage of accessible weapons*, and 49 CFR 1544.221, *Carriage of prisoners under the control of armed law enforcement officers*.

§1544.219 Carriage of accessible weapons.

(a) *Flights for which screening is conducted.* The provisions of §1544.201(d), with respect to accessible weapons, do not apply to a law enforcement officer (LEO) aboard a flight for which screening is required if the requirements of this section are met. Paragraph (a) of this section does not apply to a Federal Air Marshal on duty status under §1544.223.

(1) Unless otherwise authorized by TSA, the armed LEO must meet the following requirements:

(i) Be a federal law enforcement officer or a full-time municipal, county, or state law enforcement officer who is a direct employee of a government agency.

(ii) Be sworn and commissioned to enforce criminal statutes or immigration statutes.

(iii) Be authorized by the employing agency to have the weapon in connection with assigned duties.

(iv) Has completed the training program "Law Enforcement Officers Flying Armed."

(2) In addition to the requirements of paragraph (a)(1) of this section, the armed LEO must have a need to have the weapon accessible from the time he or she would otherwise check the weapon until the time it would be claimed after deplaning. The need to have the weapon accessible must be determined by the employing agency, department, or service and be based on one of the following:

(i) The provision of protective duty, for instance, assigned to a principal or advance team, or on travel required to be prepared to engage in a protective function.

(ii) The conduct of a hazardous surveillance operation.

(iii) On official travel required to report to another location, armed and prepared for duty.

(iv) Employed as a federal LEO, whether or not on official travel, and armed in accordance with an agency-wide policy governing that type of travel established by the employing agency by directive or policy statement.

(v) Control of a prisoner, in accordance with §1544.221, or an armed LEO on a round trip ticket returning from escorting or traveling to pick up a prisoner.

(vi) TSA Federal Air Marshal on duty status.

(3) The armed LEO must comply with the following notification requirements:

(i) All armed LEOs must notify the aircraft operator of the flight(s) on which he or she needs to have the weapon accessible at least one hour, or in an emergency, as soon as practicable before departure.

(ii) Identify himself or herself to the aircraft operator by presenting credentials that include a clear, full face picture, the signature of the armed LEO, and the signature of the authorizing official of the agency, service, or department or the official seal of the agency, service, or department. A badge, shield, or similar device may not be used or accepted as the sole means of identification.

(iii) If the armed LEO is a state, county or municipal law enforcement officer, he or she must present an *original letter of authority*, signed by an authorizing official from his or her employing agency, service or department, confirming the need to travel armed and detailing the itinerary of the travel while armed.

(iv) If the armed LEO is an escort for a foreign official, then this paragraph (a)(3) may be satisfied by a State Department notification.

(4) The aircraft operator must do the following:

(i) Obtain information or documentation required in paragraphs (a)(3)(ii), (iii), and (iv) of this section.

(ii) Advise the armed LEO before boarding of the aircraft operator's procedures for carrying out this section.

(iii) Have the LEO confirm he/she has completed the training program "Law Enforcement Officers Flying Armed" as required by TSA, unless otherwise authorized by TSA.

(iv) Ensure that the identity of the armed LEO is known to the appropriate personnel who are responsible for security during the boarding of the aircraft.

(v) Notify the pilot in command and other appropriate crewmembers of the location of each armed LEO aboard the aircraft. Notify any other armed LEO of the location of each armed LEO, including FAMs. Under circumstances described in the security program, the aircraft operator must not close the doors until the notification is complete.

(vi) Ensure that the information required in paragraphs (a)(3)(i) and (ii) of this section is furnished to the flight crew of each additional connecting flight by the Ground Security Coordinator or other designated agent at each location.

(b) *Flights for which screening is not conducted.* The provisions of §1544.201(d), with respect to accessible weapons, do not apply to a LEO aboard a flight for which screening is not required if the requirements of paragraphs (a)(1), (3), and (4) of this section are met.

(c) *Alcohol.* (1) No aircraft operator may serve any alcoholic beverage to an armed LEO.

(2) No armed LEO may:

(i) Consume any alcoholic beverage while aboard an aircraft operated by an aircraft operator.

(ii) Board an aircraft armed if they have consumed an alcoholic beverage within the previous eight hours.

(d) *Location of weapon.* (1) Any individual traveling aboard an aircraft while armed must at all times keep their weapon:

(i) Concealed and out of view, either on their person or in immediate reach, if the armed LEO is not in uniform.

(ii) On their person, if the armed LEO is in uniform.

(2) No individual may place a weapon in an overhead storage bin.

§1544.221 Carriage of prisoners under the control of armed law enforcement officers.

(a) This section applies as follows:

(1) This section applies to the transport of prisoners under the escort of an armed law enforcement officer.

(2) This section does not apply to the carriage of passengers under voluntary protective escort.

(3) This section does not apply to the escort of non-violent detainees of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. This section does not apply to individuals who may be traveling with a prisoner and armed escort, such as the family of a deportee who is under armed escort.

(b) For the purpose of this section:

(1) "High risk prisoner" means a prisoner who is an exceptional escape risk, as determined by the law enforcement agency, and charged with, or convicted of, a violent crime.

(2) "Low risk prisoner" means any prisoner who has not been designated as "high risk."

(c) No aircraft operator may carry a prisoner in the custody of an armed law enforcement officer aboard an aircraft for which screening is required unless, in addition to the requirements in §1544.219, the following requirements are met:

(1) The agency responsible for control of the prisoner has determined whether the prisoner is considered a high risk or a low risk.

(2) Unless otherwise authorized by TSA, no more than one high risk prisoner

may be carried on the aircraft.

(d) No aircraft operator may carry a prisoner in the custody of an armed law enforcement officer aboard an aircraft for which screening is required unless the following staffing requirements are met:

(1) A minimum of one armed law enforcement officer must control a low risk prisoner on a flight that is scheduled for four hours or less. One armed law enforcement officer may control no more than two low risk prisoners.

(2) A minimum of two armed law enforcement officers must control a low risk prisoner on a flight that is scheduled for more than four hours. Two armed law enforcement officers may control no more than two low risk prisoners.

(3) For high-risk prisoners:

(i) For one high-risk prisoner on a flight: A minimum of two armed law enforcement officers must control a high-risk prisoner. No other prisoners may be under the control of those two armed law enforcement officers.

(ii) If TSA has authorized more than one high-risk prisoner to be on the flight under paragraph (c)(2) of this section, a minimum of one armed law enforcement officer for each prisoner and one additional armed law enforcement officer must control the prisoners. No other prisoners may be under the control of those armed law enforcement officers.

(e) An armed law enforcement officer who is escorting a prisoner:

(1) must notify the aircraft operator at least 24 hours before the scheduled departure, or, if that is not possible, as far in advance as possible of the following:

(i) The identity of the prisoner to be carried and the flight on which it is proposed to carry the prisoner; and

(ii) Whether or not the prisoner is considered to be a high risk or a low risk.

(2) Must arrive at the check-in counter at least one hour before to the scheduled departure.

(3) Must assure the aircraft operator before departure that each prisoner under the control of the officer(s) has been searched and does not have on or about his or her person or property anything that can be used as a weapon.

(4) Must be seated between the prisoner and any aisle.

(5) Must accompany the prisoner at all times and keep the prisoner under control while aboard the aircraft.

(f) No aircraft operator may carry a prisoner in the custody of an armed law enforcement officer aboard an aircraft unless the following are met:

(1) When practicable, the prisoner must be boarded before any other boarding passengers and deplaned after all other deplaning passengers.

(2) The prisoner must be seated in a seat that is neither located in any passenger lounge area nor located next to or directly across from any exit, and, when practicable, the aircraft operator should seat the prisoner in the rearmost seat of the passenger cabin.

(g) Each armed law enforcement officer escorting a prisoner and each aircraft operator must ensure that the prisoner is restrained from full use of his or her hands by an appropriate device that provides for minimum movement of the prisoner's hands, and must ensure that leg irons are not used.

(h) No aircraft operator may provide a prisoner under the control of a law enforcement officer:

(1) With food or beverage or metal eating utensils unless authorized to do so by the armed law enforcement officer.

(2) With any alcoholic beverage.

To: Emergency First Responders Subject: Officer Safety

Greetings:

There are still many emergency first responders who travel with "Slim Jims." I have had several professional truck drivers and law enforcement personnel share with me stories regarding serious injuries as well as at least one death resulting from the use of "Slim Jims." These incidents were related to the use of "Slim Jims" on vehicles which are equipped with side airbags. While attempting to unlock a vehicle equipped with side airbags, the airbag activated, forcing the "Slim Jim" back into the upper body area of the individual.

Please remind personnel who may still use a "Slim Jim" to exercise great caution if the vehicle is equipped with side airbags inside of the vehicle's doors.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Semper Fi,

Michael B. Parlor, #24676

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The Los Angeles Police Protective League is proud to announce the Twenty-First Annual Scholarship Awards Program which is open to college-bound dependents of LAPPL members, both active and retired, who have held continuous membership in the League for more than one year prior to the dependent's application. Nearly \$10,000 in scholarships will be awarded. To qualify:

- ☐ An applicant must be a 2004 high school graduate with a "C" average or better.
- ☐ The candidate will be judged on his/her scholastic record and extracurricular activities. If qualified to compete, the candidate will be invited to the essay portion of the Scholarship Awards Program.
- ☐ The essay will be held in the Spring of 2004. **The essay portion will be administered on one day, at one time, and at one location. Applicants must appear in person on that date and time. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.**

The scholarship finalists will be selected by the League Scholarship Committee.

This is a unique opportunity for the dependents of LAPPL members to earn scholarship assistance for the 2004 Fall college semester. The awards are based on the ability to analyze the essay question and then respond to it in writing.

If you would like to be considered, please complete the form and mail to the League office, **1308 West Eighth Street, Fourth Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017**. You may also pick up an application at the League office or request an application by telephone at **213-251-4599** or send E-mail to **lisa@lappl.org**.

Very truly yours,
 Scholarship Committee 2004

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Scholarship applications must be returned to the League no later than **March 12, 2004**. Applications received after that date will be returned.

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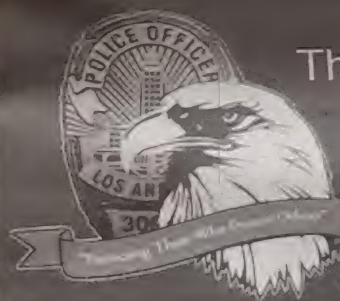
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Your Relationship to the League member who qualifies you as a scholarship applicant: _____

NOTE: This is not a scholarship application. It is a request form only.

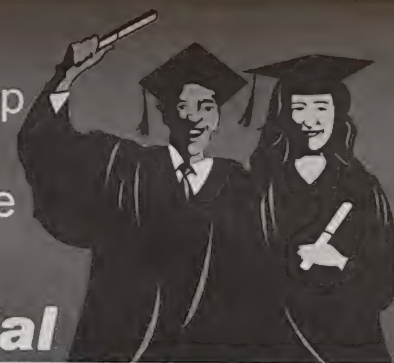
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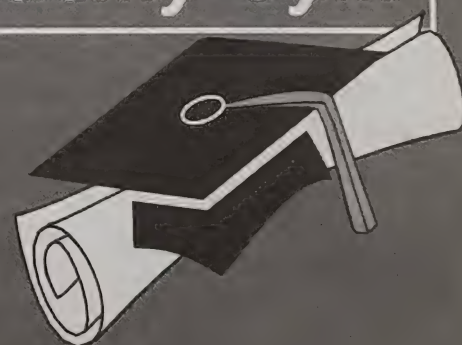
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Central City Police Boosters Salutes Central Division Personnel

by Marie Kardiban

The Central City Police Boosters hosted its annual Police Officer/Personnel Recognition Luncheon on Thursday, Feb. 5. The luncheon was held at the Wilshire Grand Hotel, Los Angeles, in the Golden Ballroom. This year's keynote speaker was Gordon Graham. Noted for this wit and humor, Capt. Gordon Graham of the CHP, practicing attorney and risk management specialist, delivered an entertaining and somewhat humorous look at law enforcement.

I would like to thank all the community members, police officers, and personnel who attended the event and supported the Central personnel who were selected for their extraordinary efforts to make downtown safe. The following personnel should be congratulated for their commitment and dedication.

2003 Supervisor of the Year Sgt. Bruce Miyazaki



Sgt. Bruce Miyazaki

For the last 14 years, Sgt. II Bruce Miyazaki has been an intricate component of Central Area's Community Policing process. He has stood at the forefront of this process with his leadership skills and is in command of 100 plus officers.

Sgt. Miyazaki is a 26-year veteran of the Los Angeles Police Department. In the capacity of an Assistant Watch Commander, Sgt. Miyazaki prepares daily car plan assignments and presents roll call training. He routinely inspects personnel and equipment for conformity to department standards; supervises the desk, patrol officers both on foot and in vehicles; reviews and approves various

types of reports; prepares and investigates personnel complaints and area projects; keeps supervisors informed of issues of concern; trains and supervises probationary officers; and performs many other related functions. Sgt. Miyazaki has been instrumental in creating a comfort zone for field officers in that he is the constant variable in the Watch Commander's office.

Sgt. Miyazaki is extremely approachable and fair in his dealings with his peers and officers. As a result of his accessibility and fairness, he has earned the respect and admiration of his superiors, peers and subordinates. Sgt. Miyazaki has created a friendly working environment within the station, which has a positive effect on everyone's morale. His uniform appearance is always impeccable, which translates into the tremendous personal and professional pride for himself and the department.

Sgt. Miyazaki has consistently provided valuable insight into the inner workings of the Watch Commander's office at Central Division. His mere presence has made Central Area a popular and pleasant place to work.

Bruce, Central Area congratulates you on being the Supervisor of the Year for 2003. This recognition was not easily achieved. It was attained through your hard work and dedicated effort. We are extremely proud and honored to award you this noble distinction as Central Area's Supervisor of the Year 2003.

2003 Detective of the Year Gene Strollo



Det. I Gene Strollo

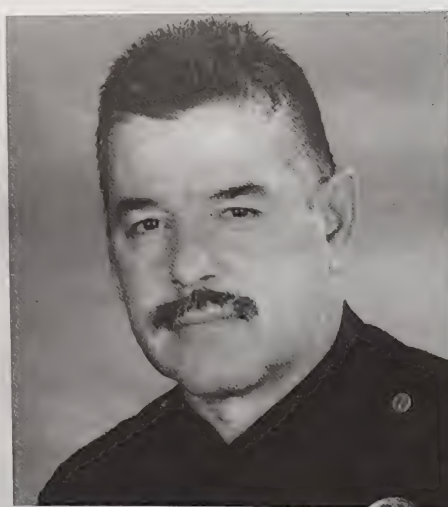
Det. I Gene Strollo is a 33-year veteran of the Los Angeles Police Department. During his tenure he has been assigned to various detective tables, but

has worked the Auto Table at Central Detective Division for the past 12 years. He has become the "cornerstone" of the Auto Theft Unit. His extensive experience and expertise in the field of auto theft investigations have made him one of the most sought after detectives. Patrol officers and detectives alike seek tenured advice from Detective Strollo whenever they have questions concerning investigations and crime control techniques.

Det. Strollo is very quiet by nature yet is always ready, willing and able to assist anyone that needs help. His investigative and administrative skills are outstanding, and he possesses an uncanny ability to prioritize and manage a very heavy caseload. He routinely handles more than his share of cases, and yet always has time to mentor and teach young, less experienced officers. Det. Strollo is patient, mature and possesses an outstanding ability to teach. In addition, Det. Strollo works tirelessly to ensure that the citizens of Los Angeles are served in a professional, courteous and timely manner.

Gene, it is with great pride that you are honored as Central Area's Detective of the Year for 2003. This honor recognizes his dedication, hard work and outstanding service to the public.

2003 Officer of the Year Guadalupe "Shep" Ruvalcaba



PO III Guadalupe "Shep" Ruvalcaba

P.O. III Guadalupe "Shep" Ruvalcaba is a 24-year veteran of the Los Angeles Police Department. Officer Ruvalcaba has been assigned to Central Area for the last 20 years and has spent the majority of his time at Central Area as a foot beat officer for the Broadway corridor.

Officer Ruvalcaba works closely with his Senior Lead Officer to identify crime trends and the planning and implementation of problem solving strategies in his Basic Car Area. He uses his available time for directed patrol to solve neighborhood problems, make arrests, complete Field Interview Cards and conduct traffic enforcement. Officer Ruvalcaba was commended on several occasions for his productivity, especially his citation productivity. Not just a tick-et writer, Officer Ruvalcaba's efforts in crime reduction have contributed to an improvement in the quality of life for the citizens of Central Area and a strengthening of the positive relationship between the department and the community. His efforts have been consistent with Central Area's Annual Work Plan and the department's Community Policing program.

Officer Ruvalcaba possesses a proven track record over time in Central Area. But more significantly and more fulfilling to Officer Ruvalcaba is his responsibility to teach his probationers the necessary skills that are required in performing the duties of a police officer. Officer Ruvalcaba realizes that as a Field Training Officer, he has a significant impact on a young officer's attitudes, ethics, and values to carrying out the duties of a Los Angeles Police Officer that will remain with them throughout their career. Officer Ruvalcaba has demonstrated an exceptional ability to impart knowledge, build confidence, and instill patrol skills to probationary officers who are assigned to him. Officer Ruvalcaba's hard work and efforts have contributed to the overall success of the Field Officer Training program at Central Area.

During 2003, Officer Ruvalcaba performed his duties in an exemplary manner. He is a mature officer who uses sound judgment, common sense, and handles any situation with confidence. Officer Ruvalcaba has the ability to serve the department and the community in the highest capacity, which makes him an ideal officer to work any patrol-related assignment. This type of commitment and professionalism is what this department's reputation is founded.

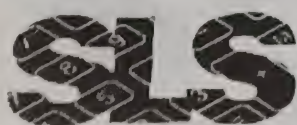
Officer Ruvalcaba is truly deserving of this award, and it is an honor for us to present you the award of "Officer of the Year 2003."

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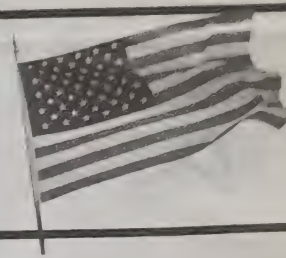
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Commander's Message

This past month the Post hosted another successful meeting with many of the familiar members in attendance. However, during the executive officer's meeting, a new face appeared. Having read this column in past *Blue Lines*, Recruit Officer **Nolayan Herdegen** took the initiative to attend our monthly meeting and to ask advice on his G.I. Bill education options. After advising him on his options and directing him to a "professional" V.A. benefits advisor for further assistance, we invited him to stay as our guest and observe the meeting. The meeting must have gone well, because Mr. Herdegen is now our newest member. Welcome aboard.

Speaking of the G.I. Bill, I recommended recruit officer, officers on probation and officers that completed probation in the past year review my Military Liaison Officer (MLO) article located in the Divisional Reporter section of the January, 2004, issue for an update on submitting their G.I. Bill education applications.

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To lighten things up, I want you to start thinking about attending the Post's annual pre-State Convention Barbecue on June 8, 2004. This year's convention will be held in Redding, California, and therefore not as many members will make the big journey north. Therefore, I ask that you join us at the barbecue and help the Post celebrate its 74th anniversary. As you know, this event marks the end of tour for the current Post officers, so come out and let us know how we did and encourage the new crew. "Till we meet again." Semper Fi, DJD

January 20, 2004, Meeting

The regular monthly board meeting began on time (a miracle), and the Finance Committee approved a \$200 donation toward an Eagle Scouts \$1,000 project up in Los Padres National Forest Assoc. The scout, Aaron Jones, Bob Reeves' grandson, will be restoring a storage shed for storage of trail and campground maintenance tools. The shed requires new glass, lead paint removal and new paint, new door, new roof, flooring, etc. Almost complete new construction.

The upcoming department/state convention was discussed. As usual, J.J. and Rick Leiphardt will be running the hos-

pitality room. A big change is we are not staying up at Lake Shasta as normal; we are staying in town on Hilltop Drive at the Oxford Suites. Get your reservations in NOW with Frank Ortiz. Rooms are at a premium. The dates are June 23-27, 2004. Our Installation of Officers will be on the 26th with our annual dinner following. Note this is a change—normally we have the dinner on Friday.

The following were in attendance: Dennis Denois, Hal Yarnell, Frank Ortiz, Richard Kalk, Gail Tam, Bill & Judy Zimmerman, Bob Reeves, J.J. Leonard, Pinky Meredith, M. L. Maydeck, Frank Torres, Sam Mells, Bob Kosier, George Hofstetter, Rob Welborn, Ray Elmer, Glen Kailey, Emmett Drennen, Joe Mueller, Boris Mengele and Dick McDonald.

The dinner, once again, went over great with the help of Judy Zimmerman and Magen, I should say! I attempted to help them, but they both just took over. Everything went great. As stated last year, I attempted to have a card game after the meeting, but *no bites*. Oh well. We can try again.

Los Angeles Police Motorcycle Drill Team

June 27, 2004, Sunday, San Fernando Recreation Park, 1st Street and Park Ave.

Special Days in March

March 6, 2004 – Saturday – "Remember the Alamo – 1836," "Liberty and Independence Forever"

March 6, 2004 – Saturday – "Choir Boys" meeting, Ontario, 6:00 p.m.

March 6, 2004 – Saturday – "Emerald Society," St. Patrick's Day Party

March 13, 2004 – Saturday – Hermosa Beach St. Patrick's Day Parade (Emerald Society)

March 16, 2004 – Tuesday – American Legion Dinner Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

March 17, 2004 – Wednesday – Annual Los Angeles St. Patrick's Day Parade

March 22, 2004 – Monday – Happy Birthday & 33-Year LAPD Anniversary for "JJ"

Our Brothers Still Missing

Many of our brothers who served in the Armed Forces of this great country are unable to enjoy the freedom and liberty which their sacrifices helped to secure. Pause for a few moments to remember those brave souls who have not returned home yet. Don't ever forget them! POW/MIA. Semper Fi! "JJ"

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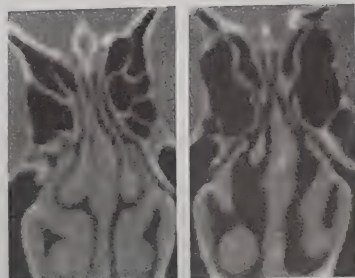
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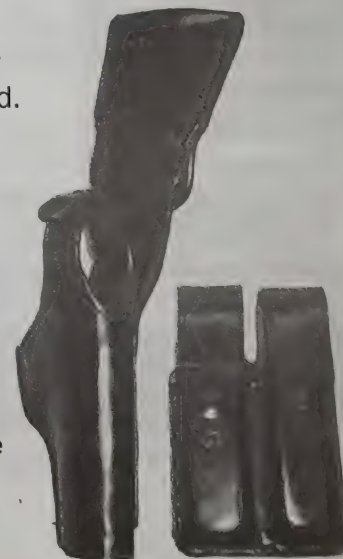
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

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TRAFFIC TALK

by Rudy Baca
South Traffic Division

New to STD

Hello and welcome to Officer **Michele Wattenberg**; she comes to us from Northeast Division. Sgt. **John Wilson** arrives from Internal Affairs Division. We have a new PSW, Police Student Worker. He's the kid filing and making all the copies. **Roman Corona** is not a volunteer, but is an employee of the city of Los Angeles. Roman hopes to finish school and go into law enforcement or start a band and be a rock star. Welcome all of you to our divisional family.



Emily Francine Martinez. Born November 6, 2003.

New Parents

Congratulations to **Eddie "The Kid" Martinez** and his wife Maria. They are new proud parents. A little baby girl named Emily Francine was born on November 6, 2003. You guys remember Eddie. We featured him in the January *Blue Line* as Officer of the Quarter.

New to the division, Officer **Herman Rodriguez** is also a new proud parent of a little baby girl named Veronica, born

this past January. Congratulations to all.

Street Scene

A few months back, Officer **Maurice "Moe" Hallauer** was working at Harbor Division. He responded to a hit and run misd call. Upon arrival, "Moe" was met by a Harbor patrol unit that was detaining the possible suspect.

The comments described the suspect as a male driving a blue old '50s Ford pickup with major rust and a Volkswagen chained in the bed of the truck. "Moe" could not believe it, the exact described Ford pickup was right in front of his nose. But to no surprise the suspect stated that maybe it was another old blue '50s Ford pickup with major rust and a Volkswagen chained in the bed of the truck. The man also added that he had not been in the area, despite the fact that he lives two blocks away. After hearing his story, "Moe" took the man's information and discovered he had an unrelated felony warrant. Nice try, buddy! Don't mess with "Moe"!

Motor School Calling

Hopefully, by the time you are reading this Officer **Paul "Off-road" Men-**



South Traffic Division 2004 basketball, "The Ballers."

chaca will be in Motor School. Paul has traded in his off-road dirt machine for a Kawasaki 1000. He has been practicing and has a long history in Motocross riding. From wheelies as a kid to racing with the department Motocross "Mudslingers." Best of luck. Two words of advice: Don't tailor your breeches too tight; keep the shiny side up!

Baker to Vegas

Mark your calendars for April 23-25, 2004. Our Lightning fast Baker to Vegas team will be running with Southwest Division, Mixed Category. We will have warm up runs and time tryouts monthly. The Palace Hotel & Casino will be our CP. Contact Officer **Hills** for information.

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by Bill Young
Incident Command Post

Greetings and happy New Year from the crew at the Incident Command Post Unit.

Under the direction of the Chief of Police and Chief Miller (Critical Incident Management Bureau), our ability to provide spontaneous direct support to your major incidents has become easier, resulting in an increase of our response to your calls for command post/logistical equipment.

Deployments

As of the writing of this article, our unit has been called out off-hours 12 times during the month of January. The requests for equipment has included command post vehicles, light trailers, canteen truck, portable restroom trailer (and this time of the year pop-ups and the portable propane heaters have been a hit). Add to this our planned event requests for equipment, makes for a very busy time. The message seems to be getting out that we can provide the tools to make your job a little easier and a lot more comfortable.

One Simple Call

Remember, to contact us during regular business hours, Monday through Fri-

day, call (213) 485-2901. To contact us during off-hours, *one simple call does it all*. Just call the Department Command Post, 24/7 at (213) 978-6500 and request any equipment you need from our unit. The DCP maintains a list of our home, cell and pager numbers and will contact us.

Once again, we have notebook dividers displaying pictures of our equipment and how to contact us 24/7. These are available to anyone by placing a phone call to our unit. We can send them through Department mail.

Equipment Update

Recently we made a trip to San Marcos to inspect our command post trailer that is under reconstruction. For those of you that are familiar with our trailers, this was the old Mobile 5 that is split-level, where the PSR was positioned in the front above the other positions. The trailer was completely stripped to the frame and a 15-foot slide-out was installed. This dramatically increases the interior of the trailer. It has a lot of bells and whistles, and by next article we should have it back, and I will include pictures and further information.

On the Horizon

Recently we met with the C/O of Motor Transport Division to discuss the direction our unit is headed as far as



Greg Owens, Mark Hernandez, Paul Miller, Robert Neville, Felipe Yanez, Bill Young, and SRO Linda Young.

equipment is concerned. The plan as of now is to purchase another trailer similar to the one currently under remodel, then purchase another motor coach style vehicle similar to Mobile 1. That will give the department two trailers and two motor coach command post vehicles.

Upcoming Events

Planned events for the month of February include an exercise at LAX, the Grammys, the NBA All-Star Game and the Academy Awards, and anything else that comes across our desk. Add in the call-outs that we will respond to, and I

am sure we will be seeing a lot of you. Again, don't hesitate to call if there is anything we can do to assist you in managing your incidents.

MPAT

The Military Property Acquisition Officer, **Robert Neville**, has managed to obtain a couple of large tents from the military. Currently we are assisting Hollywood Division by attempting to construct a temporary (tent) roll call room on the roof of the station. There are other stations scheduled for remodel so I am sure

the tents will get a lot of use. Officer Neville wants to remind everybody that requests for any type of equipment can be submitted on a 15.2 from your C/O to the C/O of Emergency Services Division. This will allow him to address your specific needs when he is screening property at military bases. When your requested property is obtained, you will be notified, and due to storage problems, given a time window to pick the equipment up.

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Lionel Richie to Headline 2004

"Lionel Richie has confirmed that he will headline our 2nd Annual Gala. We will be announcing the event date as soon as he is able to clear his schedule for us," announced E&B President Arthur M. Kassel. "Lionel was recently inducted as an Honorary Life Member of the Eagle & Badge Foundation (see photo) and told us of his 100 percent support for the men and women of the department and the two charities that will benefit. The Eagle & Badge Board and the L.A. Police Protective League are all extremely grateful for his commitment, and we expect to announce a date in the next few weeks, mostly likely for early May. At that time, we also plan to announce this year's honorees."

Last year's gala, headlined by Julio Iglesias, benefited the Eagle & Badge Foundation and the Tichi Wilkerson Kassel Parkinson's Foundation. In keeping with the commitment to support charitable organizations that benefit the community at large (the Tichi Wilkerson Kassel Parkinson's Foundation funds research and special equipment for those afflicted with Parkinsons)

both charities will again benefit from this year's event.

The Gala Planning Committee is currently conducting an outreach for underwriting sponsorship. If your company would like to be involved in one of the highest profile upcoming events in the city, please contact Arthur M. Kassel, the executive producer, through the E&B office at (818) 994-4661.

For more information on the upcoming gala or for membership applications, please call (818) 994-4661.



Lionel Richie with E&B President Arthur M. Kassel.

Eagle & Badge Foundation establishes scholarships within City Council Districts.



E&B Chairman Peter Repovich, E&B President Arthur M. Kassel and L.A. Police Protective League President (and E&B board member) Bob Baker at a recent fundraising gala planning meeting.

"The Eagle and Badge Foundation is happy to be working with the council districts to establish guidelines for scholarships to be presented to high school students," reported E&B President Arthur M. Kassel. The E&B Scholarship Committee is currently drafting the guidelines and application process which is hoped to be finalized before the end of February. It is anticipated that at least one scholarship will be awarded in each council district within the next several months to a qualifying student. E&B Chairman Peter Repovich noted that "Eagle & Badge Foundation memberships and funds raised at the annual gala have allowed us to establish these scholarships which we plan to offer on an annual basis."

If you'd like to join the Eagle & Badge Foundation, please complete the application on this page and mail to the E&B address or call the administrative office at (818) 994-4661.

ne 2004 Eagle & Badge Gala

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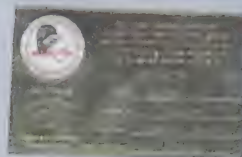
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Andrew Garcia
Hollywood Division

Hello Hollywoodooooodd!

Well, it's my turn to write this month's *Blue Line* article. Please, if any of you have any stories, new babies, or anything that you would like placed in this article, let me know.

What Thaaa!

Lt. Silverstein and I were walking in the parking lot when we noticed Officer Mark Flores covered from head to toe in wet cement. I reluctantly asked Flores what happened. He said that he went to a radio call at a construction site and that the cement was accidentally poured on him.

Well, that's all Silverstein had to hear. He promptly stated "That's bull****, we need to send a sergeant to the site and find out exactly what happened. The construction company should pay for the \$200 uniform!" Well, a sergeant did go out to the site and the construction company stuck to their accident story, but they would be happy to pay for the uniform.

Remember, folks, we need to look out for each other, because no one else will.

Ghost Town or Detective Squad Room

As most of you know, the detective squad room is no longer a squad room.



The detectives were moved upstairs in the old roll call room and down to Hollywood south. It's going to be an inconvenience, but Capt. Downing said the new squad room will be state-of-the-art.

As for the roll call room, well it's going to be a tent on the roof of the station. I can only imagine the names that the officers will come up with. Hmm, maybe like "Camp Hollywood" or "Fort Hollywood." I'm sure some bright police officer will print up some t-shirts with a new slogan.

New Captain

Capt. Baca began another tour at Hollywood. He said that he is thrilled to be back in Hollywood, the officers are great, and it's like coming home.

I had never met Capt. Baca, or so I thought. I introduced myself and told



him I am the Hollywood gang sergeant. He replied, "Oh yeah, I sat on your sergeants oral board three years ago!"

Remember that some people never forget—aaaahhhh!

Okay, that's all for now. Be careful and watch each other's back.

6G20 out!

First to Know, Last to Go!

Department Command Post
& Communications Div.

by Lt. Chuck Mealey
Communications Division and the
Department Command Post

What Kind of Training Does a PSR Receive?

Your PSRs are recruited by the Personnel Department, Communications Division, and often fellow police officers. The basic requirements are 18 years of age, type 32 words per minute, and pass a background examination. An oral interview is conducted by a Senior PSR and an interview specialist from personnel. If you score high enough, you are scheduled to a training class.

Training consists of a one-month POST-approved classroom orientation. This portion is open to outside agencies. The PSR trainee then learns the

job of an RTO (talking to officers in the field). This training includes both classroom and simulator work and lasts eight weeks. The trainee then sits with a PSR III (instructor) at their side for approximately 20 weeks. After RTO qualification, the trainee attends EBO class (answering 9-1-1 telephones). This portion of the training, which also includes classroom and simulator work, lasts eight weeks. The trainee then sits with a PSR III answering live calls for nine weeks. The trainee is continually rated on reports similar to P-1 ratings. The entire training process takes over one year. Probation for PSR was recently extended to 18 months. Your PSRs are some of the best trained emergency dispatchers in the world.

Valley Dispatch Center Dedication

The official grand opening of the Valley Center is scheduled for Feb. 23. It is anticipated that many VIP and city officials will be in attendance (more to follow next month).

Goodbye

Daniel Garcia is off to Rampart, and Stella Lara is going to RED.



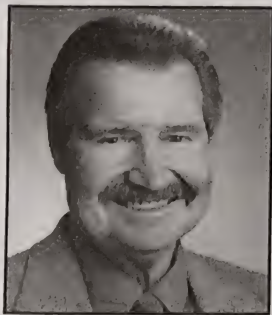
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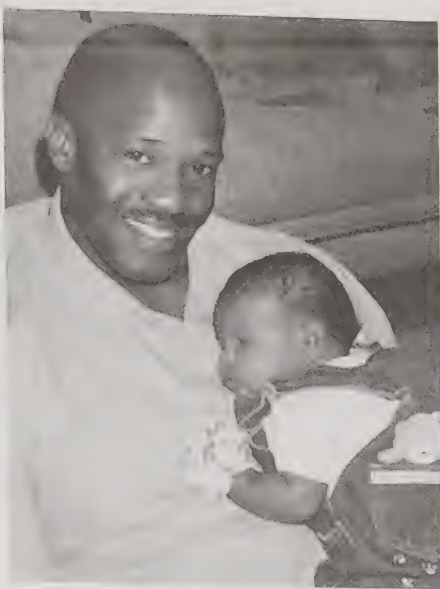
THE MAGNIFICENT

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by "Helper"
Wilshire Division

Baker to Vegas 2004 is just around the corner. I know everyone running has been training for months because I have seen them running the parking structure. Well except for that **Martinez** guy, no one really knows what he is running for. Maybe he is getting in shape for more O.T. at the airport. Who really knows?

Wilshire Gang Officers and CCU under the direct supervision of Sgt. **II Reyes**, have been making hundreds of arrests and taking many guns off the street. They have been working hand-in-hand with our Shadow Unit, FES, and



P3+1 Hinson L. Jackson with grandson Dominic Garza spending quiet time relaxing together.

Vice Unit. This is an exciting time here at Wilshire. I have spoken with some of the senior officers like **Teddy Rankin** and most cannot remember the last time they have seen so many plainclothes officers out in the field.

I do not usually recruit for Wilshire.

However, if you want to be a part of this exciting time here, I suggest you throw in your paperwork as soon as possible. Capt. **Findley** is working hard and coming up with unique tactics to rid Wilshire of its robbery problem. It's exactly what we needed.

On behalf of the Wilshire Bicycle Detail we would like to thank Sgt. **Mastick** for his leadership and integrity. We wish him good luck in his future assignments. We would also like to welcome Sgt. "Jay Jay" **Rivera** who has taken over the Bicycle Unit. We still are working hard in finding him a new bike.

Anyone that has been here a little while knows Det. **Ramon**. Det. Ramon recently retired and she will surely be missed. Her knowledge and expertise of detective work were extraordinary. I cannot remember a table that she did not work. Hopefully somebody can get a hold of her phone number so that we can contact her for booking advice. Good luck and we will always be thinking of you.

Departures

Sgt. **Quiñones** will be heading down

south to Southwest; **Barrett**, #36299, is heading down to the port to work at Harbor along with **Sieker**, #36458. **Adair**, #36417, will be heading up the 5 freeway to North Hollywood. **McLaughlin**, #36441, is heading over to West Valley. Enjoy the horses.

Arrivals

Det. **Hubbard**, #31115, comes to us from TD where he was recently promoted. **Gonzalez**, #34855, is coming over from PAC. **Hall**, #35688, decided to work the south end for a while making a move from VNY. **Hernandez**, #36431, comes to us from just next door at RAMP. **Valdez**, #36464, was hoping for a change of scenery coming up from SE.

We have a surge of new police officers coming in. They are as follows: Officer **Davalos**, #37026; Officer **Elenitsky**, #37032; Officer **Peldmeier**, #37035; Officer **McClean**, #37049; Officer **Mencias**, #37050. Good luck to all of you and welcome to the busiest division in the city.

Last, but not least, happy St. Patrick's Day.

VAN NUYS Happenings

by Lydia C. Grzelkowska
Van Nuys Division

Recent Events

Congratulations to the following Van Nuys employees selected as the 2003 Van Nuys Community Police Station's Employees of the Year: P.O. **III Kyle Campbell**, Sgt. **I Sandy Cline**, Det. **II Jack Gray**, Clerk Typist **Prudy Carlson**.

On Jan. 23, Senior Lead Officer **Darrell Davis** coached the Van Nuys Safe Teen Basketball Team. The Van Nuys Safe Teen Basketball Team played against the Van Nuys Jeopardy Basketball Team. The Van Nuys Jeopardy Team won the game 69-63 in a very close game. The teens are between the ages of 13 and 17 years of age.

Copper Capers

On Dec. 11, 2003, Officers **Vu Bui** and **Paul Monlux** received a radio call of an attempted carjacking suspect. Upon arrival, the officers discovered that the suspect had approached the victim while she was in her vehicle. The suspect reached in through the vehicle's open window and unlocked the door. The suspect grabbed the victim from her sweater and pulled her out of the vehicle. The victim, fearing for her life, did not struggle and fled the location to contact the police. A second radio call was broadcast as officers were interviewing the first victim. The suspect had attempted to take a second victim's vehicle. The victim was able to fight off the suspect and observed him flee the location to a nearby subterranean parking structure. Officers **Bui** and **Monlux** searched the area and were able to locate the suspect hiding in the trash room of the parking structure. A field show-up was conducted and the suspect was positively identified. The suspect admitted to being under the influence and stated

that the victim had just handed him the keys to the vehicle. The suspect also admitted to being an active gang member of the Aztec Empire. Officers **Bui** and **Monlux** are commended for their quick response, tactical prowess and outstanding investigative skills.

On Dec. 21, 2003, Officers **Francois Reese** and **Ruthann Scott** were assigned to Van Nuys Bicycle Patrol and were riding northbound on Sepulveda Blvd. They ran the license plate of a black Jeep Cherokee with three occupants exiting the gated parking lot of the Voyager Motor Inn. The vehicle passed the officers as they continued to ride northbound on Sepulveda. Immediately after Communications advised the officers that there were no wants or warrants on the vehicle, a West Valley unit advised that the same vehicle with the same plate was used during the commission of a robbery in West Valley earlier in the day. Officer **Scott** put out a broadcast that the vehicle was last seen northbound on Sepulveda towards Sherman Way. Officers **Mark Dain** and **Bryan Millner** were assigned 9A14 and were driving westbound on Sherman Way towards Hazeltine when they observed the above described Jeep driving eastbound on Sherman Way from Hazeltine. They negotiated a U-turn, got behind the black Jeep and verified the plate. They followed the vehicle and waited for backup units. When the backup units arrived, they negotiated a traffic stop at a gas station and took the three occupants of the vehicle into custody without incident. Numerous cell phones, U.S. currency, clothing and miscellaneous items were recovered from the vehicle and suspects. All suspects were transported to Van Nuys Station and booked for 211 PC.

Baby News

Congratulations to Officer **Lori Gerdes** and **Philander Butler** on the birth of their daughter. **Lauren K. Gerdes** was born on January 25 and weighed 6 lbs. 5 oz and was 19 inches long. All the best!

Det. **Rick Yep** is a new daddy. **William Pavon-Wei Yep** was born on January 26 and weighed in at 5 lbs. 6 oz. and was 18 inches long. Baby **William** is five weeks early, but both mom and

baby are doing well. Congratulations, proud papa!

Van Nuys Comings-N-Goings

Coming in: Sgt. **I W. Hanna**, #33764; PII **J. Strader**, #36461; P.O. Spec. **I. Wofford**, #37113; PI **D. An**, #37015; PI **B. Goodkin**, #37039; PI **T. McLaws**, #36824; PI **N. Ortega**, #37052; PSR **C.**

Erwin, #N1733.

Leaving: Sgt. **I A. Parga**, #26411 (to DEV); Sgt. **I B. Fitchpatrick**, #24327 (to WLA); PII **S. Tannert**, #36462 (to DEV); PII **J. Franco**, #32078 (to FTHL); PII **C. Dixon**, #27117 (to SID); PII **D. Hall**, #35688 (to WIL); PII **Q. Walunga**, #36466 (to WVAL).

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Fitz
Rampart Division

Outs

P3 **Jason Wagner** is out to Narcotics Division. Good luck, bro. Keep your nose clean! Congrats to P2 **Adriana Bravo** and P2 **Monica Hernandez** who passed their probation and will be wheelin' outta Rampart. Go show your new division how it's done, and don't forget where you came from!

Alvarado Crew

Not too long ago, Mac Park was a haven for anything and everything felonious. Today, don't be surprised to see neighborhood kids riding their bikes, sweaty morning joggers ad the grass to be just a tad bit greener. It began when P3 **Armando "Mando" Rodriguez**

made it a personal goal to clean up the park with his partner P3 **Lou Contreas**. Shockingly, Mando passed away just as he and Lou began their quest. Mando was our partner, friend and brother. His death had a humongous effect on us and his spirit lives on within our hearts. Lou,



along with P3 **Mario Rojas**, kept Mando's vision alive and raised the bar on how to rid the park of parolees, drug dealers and grocery carting transients. Those two along have made over 500 arrests in the park. Chuckies run when 45s on duty!

Recently, the Alvarado Task Force was formed and is tasked with enhance-

ing community living up and down the corridor and within Mac Park. Onion-head gangsters know the heat is on and street vendors are even packing up their bootleg DVDs. Mica dealers are also getting caught slipping by our undercover SPU guys. We've got FB units hitting it hard and Bikes doing power slides up and down Alvarado St. The criminal street element along the corridor is diminishing and a sense of a family lifestyle is returning to the densely populated area. An outstanding combined effort by all Rampart officers.

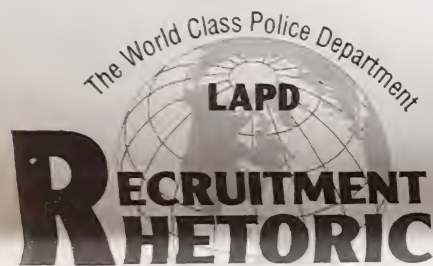
Caught Slippin'

Their crimes were briefed in our roll calls. A few suspects were driving a Camry and pulling armed 211s in Rampart, Wilshire, Hollywood and they even stretched out to Santa Monica. A big stack of PIRs were piled high on a detective's desk and on their way to the backlog until P2 **Miguel Dominguez** and P2 **Jess Faber** hit the streets. Street predators of Los Angeles beware, two Rampart P2s were hunting to get a couple franks in the tank. The coppers eyed an awkwardly parked vehicle just outside a liquor store in the south end of the division. Lo and behold, it was the infamous 211 vehicle. They set up on it and prepared to initiate a stakeout, yet it started moving. The guys put out their following and conducted the high risk stop. Not one, not two, but three robbery

suspects were hooked up along with a replica Sig Sauer pellet gun. Fruits of the crimes were recovered from the vehicle and nearly 200 items booked as evidence at Property Division. Detectives rejoiced and closed over 20 DRs citywide, not to mention outside agencies jumping on the bandwagon. Outstanding OBS work, guys!

Capers

P2 **Danny Cota** and P2 **Chris Andrade** get a drug dealer with big grocery bags filled with marijuana. P3 **Kris Labriola** and P3 **Justin Stewart** get another one with bindles and bindles of crystal meth. P3 **Matt Zeigler** and crew get an MSer with a revolver, a .22, small enough to fit in the palm of his hand. Good info, **Dennis!** P2 **Gil Cardinez** and P2 **Ramon Barajas** chase down a GTA suspect after he bails outta his G-ride. P2 **Thomas "Pipe Down" Loera** and P2 **Adriana Bravo** chase and capture a DIA gangsta wanted for a shooting. He's no longer Down in Action, just down for the count! P3 **Robert "No. 9" Calzadillas** and P1 **Jose Tavares** jam a suspect with a strap in his waistband. P2 **Jesse Audelo** and P2 **Shane Bus** chase down a La Mirada loco with a shotgun. P2 **Jeff Bruner** and P2 **Romeo Tamparong** found there ain't nothin' sweeter than catching an 18th Streeter packin' a .45 Ruger. Good job, boys!



by Officer Mark L. Horton
Recruitment Section

FYI

Although we have slowed down our hiring practices, we are hiring to attrition. What that means is that we will have approximately 250 to 300 officers retiring this fiscal year and only have enough in the fiscal budget to replace those officers, with no additional hires.

Reserves

We will be concentrating on hiring approximately 200 Line Reserve Police Officers this year. Should you have any

specific questions or have candidates that you know would make viable candidates, please contact us at (213) 485-3800.



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What the?

Here are some of the interesting questions that candidates asked in January, 2004:

"Do you have any police officer positions in the Lancaster or Palmdale area?"

"I want to be a police officer, but I want to work the desk. I'm afraid to go out there, I might get shot at."

"If I was arrested and convicted for impersonating a police officer in another state, can I apply in your state?"

"Can I apply to be a Los Angeles Police Officer if I have open criminal cases in another state pending? I just never took care of them."

All Smiles

Speedway from left to right, Officer **T. Jackson** is surrounded by Laker Girl candidates as well as Officer **D. Scales**, who smiles for the camera. Officers were recruiting at the Irwindale Speedway.

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by Sgt. Rudy Santos
Devonshire Division

Babies, Babies, Everywhere

The early part of this year continues to move on, and we are starting to see the beautiful results of basic police stress relief. Baby boys and girls are springing up everywhere, bringing happiness to Devonshire families. One picture I received was of **Carl** and **Ruth Oschmann's** baby girl. Hannah Elizabeth Oschmann was born on November 2, 2003, and weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz. Always the calm and cool-headed individual, Carl was rumored to have been channel surfing right after his wife



Christopher Wesley.

told him it was time to go to the hospital. I cannot disclose what channel Carl ended up on due to this being a family-friendly publication. In the accompanying picture we see Carl holding his baby girl. I have gotten the scoop that she will one day be a great singer. An unidentified source told me that as the photo was being taken, the baby was actually singing, as can be seen in the picture.

The other baby was born to our



Hannah Elizabeth Oschmann and father, Carl.

Officer **Darryl "Harry Potter" Williams** and his wife, **Debbie Williams**. Little **Christopher Wesley Williams** was born on January 6, 2004, and weighed in at 8 lbs., 7 oz. He is in the picture all dressed up in full baby boy blue attire. Best wishes to both families on their new arrivals.

A Sad Day for the Devonshire Store

As officers sneaked in through the rear station doors with their quarters ready for an "all you can eat" buffet from the Devonshire store, they were met with a ghastly sight. The candy store shelves were empty. Some officers didn't know what to think. A few ran into detectives to see if they were working on a grand theft of junk food report. Others checked the death and funeral notices to see if the store's manager had passed away. Both groups of officers were wrong. The station fund committee had decided to close the store due to a loss of profits grater than the worst stock market crash. If you haven't noticed, there are contraptions that look like medieval torture machines with what appears to be candy bars inside. They are so menacing looking that even the bravest officers are afraid of them. However, with all kidding aside, our PSR **Diane Johnson** deserves a big thank you for allowing the station to use her personally owned candy machines.

Baker to Vegas Running Team

Running Team Captain Officer **Robert C. Lequin** has put together what has to be one of the greatest running teams ever for the Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay. There are some serious runners who have dedicated their valuable time to train in order to give Devonshire a good shot at placing really high or even winning the run. Baring any major hiccups like last year, this year should prove to be the best for Devonshire. All of Devonshire wishes the best of luck to our runners and support personnel. Give it your best!

Overtime and What it Does to Police Officers

We all know that a new overtime detail has been started to safeguard the reservoir from terrorist attacks, particularly those from that organization known for being evil and against all human decency. No, I don't mean the Devonshire Complaint Unit. I mean Al-Qaida. Well, if terrorists wanted to bring out the worst they could in Americans, they have. Two officers from the Community Relations Office have been tasked with recording and producing the worksheets for this critical assignment. This isn't where the problem lies. It's what has happened to our fellow officers. Things I have observed can only be described as a lack of brotherly love. I have seen long lines outside the CRO trailer as if we were handing out free government cheese. I have seen a gathering of masses in the parking lot that caused me to declare an unlawful assembly as CRO personnel used crowd control techniques, OC spray, and batons to push away 415 detectives and officers. I have even had reports of officers biting off ears and even gouging out eyeballs as they fought over an open spot for the detail. Ah yes, overtime brings out the best in cops. One thing is certain, I would like to thank Capt. **Sherman** for bringing order and fairness to the madness. I would also like to wish a speedy recovery to those officers hospitalized as a result of physical contact over the overtime spots. Get well soon, guys!



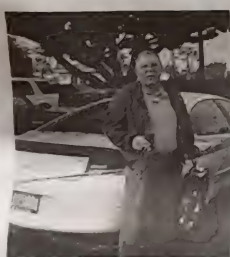
by Joseph Kieft
Pacific Division

Det. III Peter ("Uncle Pete") Waack, #16159, Retired Jan. 9, 2004

Det. **Waack** was sworn in on July 13, 1970, and attended the academy.

He was transferred to Venice Division on Nov. 29, 1970, and remained there for the next 33 years, with the exception of a seven-month OWB assignment.

Pete was assigned to patrol, vice, gangs and narcotics. On Aug. 24, 1982, he was promoted to Detective and worked every detective table. He made



his reputation as one of the best robbery detectives around, but he will always be remembered as the best partner **Dick Wilson** ever had.

Pete finished his last 12-1/2 years as a Detective III. Whatever table he ran had a waiting list of people wanting to work for him.

Everyone in Pacific will miss Pete, the nicest man most of us will ever meet.

Pacific Homicide Detective I **Lou Paglialonga** is currently away serving our country with honor as a Chief Warrant Officer in the U.S. Marines. He is stationed in the Zuni Triangle in Iraq. At home awaits his wife, an Irvine police officer, and three children. Det. **Paglialonga** has set an example of true courage and faith among his peers, coworkers, and family. Thank you, **Lou**, and God bless you for your service. (For more information, contact Pacific Detectives at 310-202-4513.)



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West LA Journal

by Mary Dacey
West L.A. Division

It was a sad day when both Lt. **Michelle Veenstra** and MAII **Grace Quan** decided to leave us. Although a farewell luncheon was held for them at Hamburger Hamlet, no one really wanted to say goodbye. You see they had become a part of the fixtures here up in the Detective Section. Lt. "Beanstrap" Veenstra had a great sense of humor and definitely kept things going at a fast pace. Grace Quan could not fix just about everything, she was a computer whiz, a copy machine mechanic, etc., etc. Not only that, but she was very nice and very well appreciated. Now what are we supposed to do? The lieutenant has gone to Risk Management and Grace to the Training Unit. Their gain, our loss. But we're thankful for the time we had with them, and we wish them the best in their new assignments. They are out of sight, but definitely not out of mind.

And with that we were pleased to welcome Lt. **Rick Papke** to Detectives where he has already started to make a niche for himself. (Now if only someone from "Trading Spaces" could come in and decorate his office.)

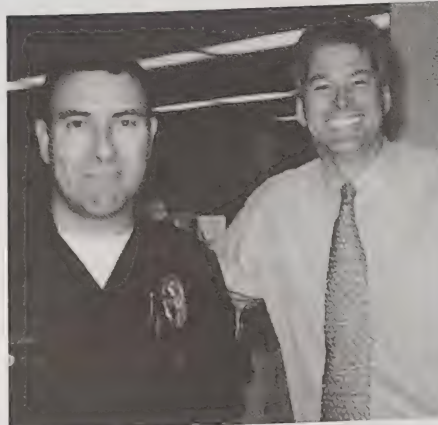
Another happy/sad departure from West L.A. was that of **Gerry Gilmore**, the area captain's secretary, who retired



Dog lover Gerry Gilmore at her retirement luncheon holding a special gift.

after 32 years of service, all but a few months of which were at West L.A. That means she saw everyone and everything and should probably be starting a book right about now. At one time her title was that of "Impound Girl." Her retirement lunch was at Billingsley's, and so

many people came to wish her well that they filled up two rooms. Deputy Chief Carter was there and a lot of retirees, friends, and family members showed up for the occasion. Gifts were presented including a Robinsons-May gift certificate so she can "shop 'til she drops," and gardening utensils so she can dig up a storm in the backyard. Congratulations, Gerri! Don't forget to come back and



Adler and Cordobes - college swim team buds who both turned up in the LAPD.

visit. And if you decide to become a volunteer...

Once upon a time there were two college freshmen who were swimmers. They were unbeknownst to each other, yet each made the national swim team (along with two others) for the next four years. Their senior year found the four of them competing in the National Championship where the very last race on the fourth day of the event was to

decide the championship. There they were, the same four, swimming the relay together, where they won the race and became the National Champions. They kept in touch and years later two of them joined the LAPD—Det. **Randy "30160" Cordobes** and Officer **Tony Albers**. Their careers eventually found them both at West L.A. where their friendship was reunited. (By the way, two of the four swimmers always knew each other as they were twins!) Randy Cordobes joined the LAPD while his brother joined the LAFD).

There were a few other comings and goings on the last transfer. Sgt. **Hanna** left for Van Nuys while three other sergeants joined us. They are: **S. Embrich** from Foothill, **B. Fitchpatrick** from Van Nuys, and **A. Louis** from Southwest. Welcome, welcome. We also extended a welcome to P2s **M. Cabacungan** from 77th, **S. Copeland** from Foothill, **M. Frial** from West Valley, **J. Kincaid** from Southeast, **A. Lopez** from Southwest, another **A. Lopez** from 77th, **R. Ramos** from Pacific, and **G. Villalobos** from Newton. P2 **E. Guerrero** left for North Hollywood. Two recruits joined us: **J. Moore** and **T. Pescatello**. Congratulations on making it through the academy.

I guess the pressure must be getting to Det. **Jim Willis**. He was heard singing Christmas carols the other day. I think he is planning to try out for the next round of "American Idol."



by Jack H. Schonely
Air Support Division

Airlift 2004

On Sunday, January 18, six single engine airplanes loaded with toys, school supplies, sports equipment, bicycles, and clothes departed Van Nuys airport bound for Mexicali, Baja, California. Air Support Division and West Los Angeles Division personnel donated the goods. This trip marked the sixth annual trip to the border to help out some needy children who live on the southern outskirts of Mexicali in Colonia Hidalgo.

Piloting the airplanes were off-duty ASD personnel **Al Canche**, **Jim Weigh**, **Rich Dyer**, **Wayne DeBord**, and **Doug Abney**. ASD Captain **Tom Runyen** and Officers **Deb Kickbush** and **Gil**



Campos assisted in loading the planes at the airport.

This event was covered by local television media and really makes an impact on the kids receiving the cargo. Thanks to everyone who donated items to make this trek a great success. (Photographs of Airlift 2004 by **Janine Smith**.)

ASD Tip of the Month

Precautionary and emergency landings are certainly not an everyday occurrence for ASD air crews. When these landings are required and the pilot is unable to fly

to an airport or helipad, the air crew often find themselves landing in a park or a parking lot. In most cases, the Tactical Flight Officer will broadcast the crew's situation on the divisional frequency and advise units where they intend to land. Depending on the emergency, the TFO may request LAFD to respond.

If you respond to one of these off-site landings, it is vital for your safety that you follow some general rules.

Do not approach the aircraft while the rotor blades are turning. Rotor blades flex and the tail rotor is virtually invisible while turning.

Keep all vehicle and pedestrian traffic well clear of the helicopter.

Keep a clear path for fire personnel to get to the aircraft.

Follow the directions of the air crew (via radio, P/A, face-to-face).

We appreciate your quick response to these situations, but we are also concerned about the safety of the public and most of all officer safety. If you have any questions about these situations, please contact ASD's Safety Officer **Dan Johnson** at ext. 2600. Always watch your six.

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**Thieves Can't Hide,
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by Sam Moreno
Commercial Crimes Division

So I answer the phone the other day with the dutiful greeting of "Commercial Crimes Division, Fraud Section, Detective **Moreno**." The seasoned voice on the other side of the line responded with "Sorry, Pal. I was trying to reach Bunco Forgery Division. I retired out of there about nine years ago, and I was trying to reach an old buddy." I tried to help our retired friend and was determined to provide the good quality of service and respect that every deserved veteran of this fine department should be given. The subsequent conversation ensued.

Me: "Well, there used to be a Bunco Forgery Division, Sir, but that's changed."

Crusty Veteran: "Changed? Changed

to what? Commercial Crimes Division?"

Me: "Well, no, Sir, it was actually changed to Financial Crimes Division."

Crusty Veteran: "Okay, well let me have their number."

Me: "Well, Sir, I can't do that. See there is no Financial Crimes Division."

Crusty Veteran: "What happened to them? Oh, never mind. I'm in a rush. Can you transfer me to BAD? I have a buddy over there who could probably help me out."

Me: "Sorry, Sir, no can do."

Crusty Veteran: "Why not?"

Me: "Because there no longer is a Burglary Auto-Theft Division."

Crusty Veteran: "What the heck happened to them?"

Me: "Well, they merged with Financial Crimes Division."

Crusty Veteran: "But you just said there was no Financial Crimes Division!"

Me: "That's correct, Sir, there isn't."

Crusty Veteran: "All right, Pal, I enjoy a joke as much as the next guy, but if you don't start shooting the straight with me, I'm dropping a dime to your D-III."

Fearing I would become the subject of a 1.81, I mean a 1.28, I calmed my new retired veteran friend down and explained the legend of Bunco Forgery and Burglary Auto-Theft Division, and it goes like this:

During Chief Parks' tenure, Bunco

Forgery was renamed Financial Crimes Division. This was done, or so I'm told, to bring about a more professional tenor to the title. Then there was a rumor that was started by who knows who and wildly perpetrated by various someones for approximately a year or two that Financial Crimes and Burglary Auto-Theft Division were going to be combined into one. Of course, none of us in either division believed it, and even so, some of the old timers vowed that they would never be taken alive. Then along came Chief **Bratton**, and all I can say is "never say never," and welcome to the exciting world of Commercial Crimes Division (CCD). So this is our status.

We currently are hovering around 123 sworn personnel, including seven lieutenants, eight civilians, and one Capt. **Jerry Szymanski** to rule them all. Commercial Crimes is divided into eight sections and they are—drum roll please—Burglary Special Section (BSS), Violent Crime Special Section (VCSS), Commercial Auto Theft Section (CATS), Metropolitan Forgery, Major Fraud, Valley-West L.A. Forgery, and the Task Force for Regional Auto Theft Prevention (TRAP).

And because we thought we needed even more acronyms and bubbles in the organizational flow chart, we added the following units and details: the Cargo/Hijack/Big Rig, under CATS, Safes Pawn Shop, Art, Residential

Burglary, Commercial Burglary, Scrap Metal, Receiver Team, and Hotel Theft details under BSS, the Computer Crimes Unit (CCU), the Staged Collision Unit (SCU), and Elder Persons Estate detail under the Fraud Section, and the Real Estate Unit, under Metro Forgery.

There were no casualties suffered among the old timers after it was all said and done, and we've even had a successful holiday party or two since then. We are now just one big happy branch of the LAPD family tree. In the coming months I'll be reporting more about our cast of characters, hi-jinks, commendable capers and spotlight each of the sections and units.

Upon explaining all of the above to my new crusty retired veteran friend, he said "Well, I don't know. I still think you're trying to pull the wool over my eyes. I want to check all of this out with Internal Affairs Division. Let me have their number."

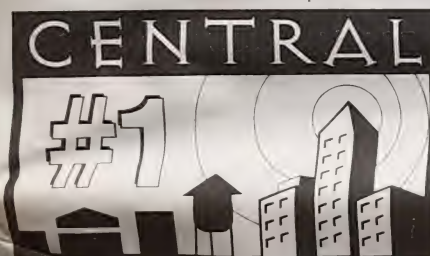
"I can't do that, Sir."

"Why not?"

"Because there is no Internal Affairs."

Then my veteran friend said, in a rather resigned way, "You know what, son, I'm too old for this" and hung up.

Be safe, take care of each other. Have a happy St. Patrick's Day, and we'll see you next month!



by Marie Kardiban
Central Division

Support Central DAPS - Chocolate Badges Still Available

Officer **Irma Foster** would like to thank everyone who supported her recent fundraiser. The chocolate badges were a hit with everyone from community members, civilians, to active and retired police officers. I am happy to inform those of you who missed purchasing one of these yummy chocolate

badges that we have ordered more and currently have them available through the Central Area Community Relations Office. If you would like to support the youth in the downtown area, please contact Officer **Marie Kardiban**, (562) 572-4776, or Officer **Irma Foster** in the Community Relations office.

Second Annual Motorcycle Charity Event

Mark your calendars for this year's motorcycle event. On Sunday, May 16, 2004, the Central City Police Boosters, on conjunction with the Central Community Relations, will be sponsoring the 2nd annual Charity Motorcycle. Last year's event was a huge success, and we are hoping for the same this year. Look for the ad in the April issue. Should you have any questions regarding the event, please contact Officer **Marie Kardiban** in the Community Relations office, (213) 847-0248.

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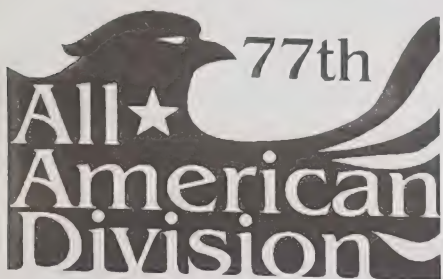
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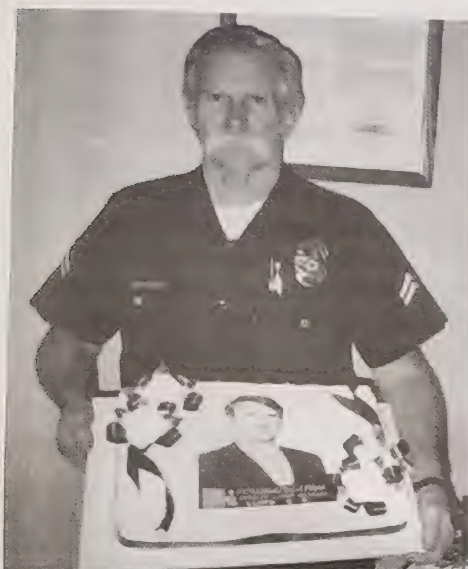
DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Maria C. Marquez
77th Street Division

It's All About Cliff

On January 9, Watch (7) hosted a barbecue for our legendary "policeman" Officer **Cliff Lloyd**, #20156. Cliff was one day away from his last day as a



Policeman Clifford Lloyd #20156

"policeman" in the field serving his community at 77th Street. It should be noted that Cliff has done all of his time working in the capacity as a patrol officer. That accomplishment gives Cliff the title of the longest working patrol field officer in the history of 77th Street.

On his last day, Cliff and his long time



Cliff and Roger "Target Footbeat - EOW"



Cliff's last roll call at 77th Street.

partner, **Roger Gaylord**, showed up at roll call completely outfitted to take on any terrorist in the city! Totally classic, and so Cliff! More to follow on this legend. Another party coming!

Fun Raiser

On January 21 we hosted our first "Cigar Night" at a classic location in Fullerton. Our goal was to raise money for our running team and what a major success were we! It didn't matter if you



Sgt. Shannon Allan, Capt. III Ken Garner and Sgt. II Pete Casey - all about the "positive morale."

smoked cigars or not, because there was plenty to do! Games to be played, and fun to be had. And did we have some major fun!

Special thanks to our AWCs, **Mo Batts** and **Pete Casey** for all of their hard work. An exquisitely catered event, raffle prizes made everyone a winner and an ambiance that made you feel like

the rich and famous! So, guys, when is the next one?

One Team, One Save

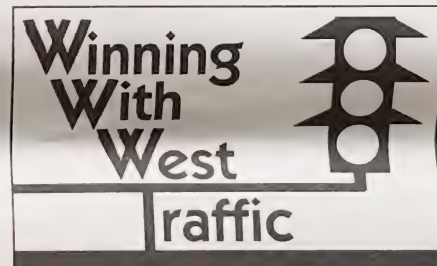
On December 27, 2003, at approximately 1245 hours, Officer **Mike Cabacungan**, #36422, was working 12U5. When in the area of 76th Street and Figueroa Avenue he was flagged down by two hysterical females.

They quickly led him to a male seated in a vehicle who appeared to be suffering from a heart attack. Officer Cabacungan requested the assistance needed and before the Fire Department responded, quickly on-scene were Officer **David Hance**, #33670, and **Danny Chew**, #35793. Together they removed this victim from the car and found that he had no pulse and was not breathing. Without hesitation, Officer Cabacungan began performing rescue breathing while Hance and Chew alternated performing chest compressions on the victim in an effort to save his life.

Shortly thereafter on-scene were Officers Cliff Lloyd, #20156, and Roger Gaylord, #23014. After observing the fatigue of the initial officers on-scene, they quickly took over this lifesaving effort while waiting for the Fire Department's arrival.

A commendable display of "teamwork," a life saved, and another example of what it is all about here in 77th Street.

Happy St. Patrick's Day, and may the luck of the Irish be yours.



by Sgt. Stephanie Krajchir
West Traffic Division

Lastly, it's Employee of the Month!

Congratulations to Officer Chun "Yimster" Yim for being selected Officer of the Quarter.



Justin Johnson, Grandson of Officer Larry Johnson.

A special get well soon goes out to Sgt. **Stephanie Krajchir** who is out IOD for surgery on her knees. Please come back soon so I don't have to write anymore articles. THX, TKG.

Ins and Outs

Welcome back Motor Officers **Cole Light** from bonding leave and **Ray Hernandez**, **Mike Goldstein** and **Rob Benedict** from IOD. Those motor officers that had gone down in the line of duty: Officers **Joe Pollack**, **Willie Durr**, **Tim Dacus** and **Tyrone Ragland**. Hope you have a speedy recovery!

Milestones

Congratulations to PII **Mike Henderson** for being accepted to motor school. He has long awaited this opportunity. I'm sure he'll be back at WTD on two wheels!

Photos

The photos included in this month's article are Officer **Larry Johnson's** grandson, **Justin Johnson** (1-1/2 years), Officer **DeAnda** showing us how a "backup" weapon should be carried, and **Stephanie Cornine** using her latest addition to the high tech equipment in the W/C's office, "the cat phone." Thanks, Sgt. **Cindy Barlow**!

Commendable Capers

I haven't heard of any Kim capers lately. **Robert Kim** must be on vacation!



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All R-Round Town

by Cathy Hardy
Metropolitan Division

Happy Spring! May the luck of the Irish be with you on old St. Paddy's Day.

Welcome Back

Returning to duty LAPD style are Marine Reservists **R. J. Cottle**, **Ernie DeAlba**, **Don "Frenchy" Poirier** and **Dick Waak**. Continuing our country's posture against the evil of terrorism is Marine Reservist **Curtis Lawson**. Curtis is returning to Iraq for another tour of duty. God bless you and all of our military personnel. Hurry home. Off the injured reserve list are **Jimmy Gastelo**, **Marty Tennison**, **Jeff Miller** and **Mike Barker**. Welcome back.

Up and Over

Congratulations to plus ones **Tim Kalkus** and **Mike Henderson** on their new Staff Security positions. Returning to Metro as sergeant in command of the COP Security Detail is **Tim Swift**. Congratulations and welcome back.

Meanwhile, Back at the Ranch

During the last rating period, we've had a population explosion



Cade Ryan Bertonneau

of sorts. The Metro maternity ward has been an active place. **Wesley Albin** and wife Katherine welcomed twins, **Shane** and **Mitchell**, -on June 27. **Keith Bertonneau** and wife Michelle welcomed son **Cade Ryan**, born February 6, 2003. **Keith Bacon** and wife Schuyler welcomed son **Kory Rand** on March 23. **Kory**



Kory Rand Bacon.



Zachary and Jacob Zuniga.

weighed in at 5.7 lbs and 19 inches long. **Kory** joined the big sister **Kelsey** and big brother **Brandon**. **Neil Coward** and wife **Carolyn** (Det-Hobk) welcomed their triplets, **Ian**, **Alexandra** and **Emily**, on October 15. The bunch weighed in at 5.7 lbs, 5.4 lbs., and 4.13 lbs., respectively. After short hospital stays, the babies were released one by one. They are now thriving and Dad reports his "system" fell short of

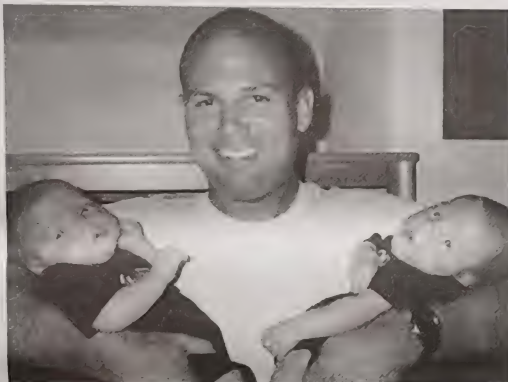
his projections but the routine is getting easier. **Neil**, this is only the beginning! **J. D. McDonald** and wife **Carnie** welcomed son number two, **Conner Duncan**, on September 17. **Conner** weighed in at a healthy 8 lbs. 1 oz. **Pete** and **Carla Zuniga** celebrated the one-year birthday of their twin boys, **Zachary** and **Jacob**, born January 22. **Ralph Smith** and wife **Cheryl** welcomed son number two, **Kevin Monroe**, on September 21. **Kevin** weighed in at 6 lbs. 4 oz., 19 inches long. **Kevin** joined big brother **Aaron**. Congratulations to all.

41-54 Club

The police academy hosted the annual SWAT dinner on Monday, January 26. Newest element member, **Joe Rubert** led the current and alumni body in attendance with a decorous invocation. The interesting and entertaining host for the evening was the distinguished United States Surgeon General Vice Admiral **Richard Carmona**. Rounding out the evening's festivities were awards for Sniper of the Year and SWAT Officer of the Year. Sniper of the Year honor was presented to **Steve Gordon** and plus one **Mike Odle** was rewarded as D Platoon's best. Congratulations, gentlemen.

Injured Reserve List

Wishing a speedy recovery to **George Haines**, **Jeff Kiser**, **John Marroquin**, **Meimo Galvan**, **Manny Gonzales**, **Tony "Chip" Samuelson**, **Dave Stambaugh**, **MaryGrace Weaver**, **Joe Witty**, **Mike Harrington**, **Chuck Wohlfeiler** and **Chris Yzaguirre**. Until next time, R-10 girl, clear.



Shane, Wesley and Mitchell Albin.



Kevin Monroe Smith.



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In past articles, much of the focus has been on difficulties involving pay issues and other problems experienced by our employees and their families relating to military service. I want to start this article off with a story about something that actually went right. Many of our Los Angeles Police Department employees have achieved countless heroic and meritorious acts while serving on active military duty. Many of these deeds may have gone unrecognized by the armed forces and therefore the department would have no way of knowing of these accomplishments.

Recently the United States Marine Corps forwarded a prestigious service award to Chief **William Bratton** requesting the Los Angeles Police Department present it to the recipient. The Chief employed the services of the Military Liaison Officer to ensure this officer received a proper ceremony befitting this distinction. The officer to be recognized in this case was **Shannon E. Geaney**, 77th Division, Patrol, currently on loan to Critical Incident Management Bureau, Operation Archangel. Although the department recognizes Shannon as a Police Officer



Chief Hillmann, Officer Shannon E. Geaney, and Commander Mark Leap.

II, the Marine Corps acknowledges her as Captain Geaney, and with that the Marine Corps has placed her in assignments of great responsibility. Officer Geaney was called to active military duty from October, 2001, through September, 2003, and she served with distinction during Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Captain Geaney was assigned to Headquarters Marine Corps Forces Europe and served

as the Casualty Affairs Officer and Officer in Charge of the Hospital Liaison Teams. This assignment brought her in contact with other LAPD employees on active duty, some of which were wounded or injured in combat areas of operations. For her outstanding efforts, Captain Geaney was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. This award is presented in the name and authority of the President of the United States. Taking into account the status of this award and my directions from Chief Bratton to ensure the medal was presented in a proper ceremony, I set out to accomplish this mission. Although ceremonies of this nature have been going on as far back as World War II, there was not a set protocol for carrying out such a ceremony. After enlisting the services of Deputy Chief **Mike Hillmann**, the situation was well in hand. On January 16, 2004, Deputy Chief Hillmann, representing Chief Bratton (who was out of town), presided over a fitting public ceremony in Parker Center. Besides the distinguished department and Police Protective League personnel in attendance, several of Officer Geaney's friends and co-workers looked on as Chief Hillmann read the citations and Commander **Mark Leap** presented

Officer Geaney her medal. In addition to the Meritorious Service Medal, that the Marines awarded Geaney, the department presented her with a Certificate of Recognition that reads:

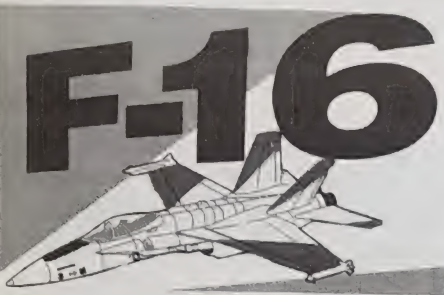
For your Outstanding Meritorious Service while serving as a Captain on Active Military Duty with the United States Marine Corps during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Your ever-changing duties included serving as G-6 Network Operations Center Officer in Charge and Hospital Liaison Officer. Your outstanding leadership, innovation and dedication to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps, the United States Naval Service, and the Los Angeles Police Department. Your commitment to serving in the war on terror are greatly appreciated, and merit the esteem and honor of the people of this city and the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department.

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Julian Almaraz
Foothill Division

Foothill Patrol

Several officers are being honored for their outstanding efforts in saving the lives of citizens in the Foothill community.

P-3 Officer **Robert Plourde**, #25063, and P-2 **Rolando Rodriguez**, #30733, working uniform patrol were in the area of Tujunga when they received a radio call of a possible overdose of a female at a party. Once at the location, officers observed a young female who was lying in the bathroom-area comatose and not breathing. At this point, both officers conducted CPR and requested an R/A unit. While waiting for the R/A unit, officers continued to administer life-saving efforts and were able to revive the victim. The victim had overdosed on alcohol during a ditch party from school. At this point the R/A unit had arrived and took over the first aid. The victim made a full recovery.

Officers **Edward Yates**, #34832, and P-3+1 **Larry (Mo) Martinez**, working uniform patrol, responded to a help call of a San Fernando police down, shots fired in the Mission Hills area of Foothill area. Both officers were the first responders and observed that an officer had numerous bullet wounds to his upper body and both legs. The officers noticed that an injured officer was bleeding out. At this point, both officers administered first aid to his wounds by placing cloths and their hands to apply pressure in an attempt to stop the bleeding. Officers also elevated the victim officer to prevent further shock to his body. Fire Department stated both Officers Yates and Martinez's actions saved the injured officer from bleeding out, which saved his life.

Officer III **Matthew Fryer**, #31162, working uniform patrol, had observed a male transient walking in the middle of the railroad tracks in the direction of an oncoming MTA train moving at the speed of 60 MPH. Officer Fryer noticed that the male transient was intoxicated and unaware of his surroundings. At this point, Officer Fryer believed that the transient was in danger and exited his vehicle. Officer Fryer, placing his life in danger for a stranger, ran toward the transient and pulled him from the train tracks, approximately 40 feet from potential impact.

Again officers from Foothill Area are outstanding men and women who place

"A Hero is a Hero"

by Chelsea Schmidt
Dedicated to Tim Falco

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A hero is a hero

Heroes never die

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As long as you remember them and the things they did

They will always live

A hero is a hero

their lives day in and out to protect the community that live in the area. I myself am proud and honored to be working alongside these great officers who care and have heart. Bless you all for works of kindness.

Foothill Detectives

For the last several months SLO and detectives have been to Department COMPSTAT meetings to talk about crimes in the area and how they are addressing the issues. The area the command staff looked at was the parolees at large and how we track them. Well for the last ten years, detectives had a strong working relationship with Northeast area parole and probation agents. We worked hand-in-hand with head supervisor Michele Woods, who had quarterly meetings to discuss violent and hard-core suspects who endanger the community. We received weekly updates of parolees who just paroled and ones that

were wanted. We conducted monthly parolee sweeps and checks of these individuals. Det. III **Rudy Quantinilla** would keep track of parolee books per basic cars and advised all roll calls of PAL suspects. We were able to contact any parole agent at any time and would place holds on parolees Supervisor Parole Agent Woods started a PACE program that involved all gang units, detectives and other agencies in the northeast San Fernando Valley. L.A. County Sheriff's and adjacent police departments would attend to exchange information and help our communities. We continue to have great success by networking and having close working relationships with surrounding agencies. Again thanks goes out to Parole Agent Michele Woods and Rudy Quantinilla for their outstanding work on new strategies and resources to deal with the safety of our communities we care for.



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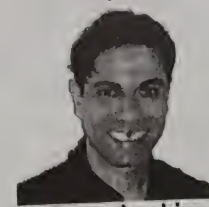
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by Ruben Rodriguez
Hollenbeck Division

This article was meant for the February issue, but it was not published. Therefore, some of the items may be a little out of date. However, I feel they are still of importance, so I decided to resubmit the article for this March issue. For those of you of Irish heritage, I wish you a happy (and sober) St. Patrick's Day.

Officer Appreciation Day

On December 3rd, the Hollenbeck Boosters hosted a Hollenbeck Officers Appreciation Day at the Los Angeles Police Academy. A number of officers



were honored for their contributions to the community as well as for their everyday professionalism and dedication. Among the officers recognized were the entire bike detail, whose hard work was previously noted, when they were named officers of the quarter. Congratulations to all the honorees, and we truly appreciate the professional and diplomatic way they conduct themselves as they go about their duties. I would

like to acknowledge Mr. Joe Coria, Hollenbeck booster and CPAB member, for taking time out of his busy schedule to organize this great event.

Toy Give-Away

The Hollenbeck Youth Center, in conjunction with Hollenbeck Division personnel, held its annual holiday toy drive on December 13. The event, to benefit local, needy families, was attended by a large number of community members. Also in attendance were several state and local dignitaries. Santa Claus was



on hand to distribute gifts to the needy of Hollenbeck Division. The smile on the children's faces as they received a toy made the entire event well worth it. Special thanks go out to all the Hollenbeck volunteers who again this year gave their all to make this a very special day for those in need.

CPAB Christmas Dinner

The Hollenbeck CPAB celebrated the holiday season by hosting a Christmas dinner at Luminaria's restaurant on December 17. The CPAB members invited Hollenbeck officers, including Captains Bill Fierro and Anita Ortega, to share a wonderful dinner and some good tidings. This is just another great example of the partnership we enjoy here at Hollenbeck Division.

Christmas Party

The Christmas gala, held on December 20, was a tremendous success thanks to the hard work of a certain



group of Hollenbeck young ladies. The great effort put forth while planning this party was evident by the great turnout and subsequent enjoyable atmosphere. This year's emcee was Jaime Garcia, who managed to insult just about everyone in attendance. I want to take this time to thank everyone involved in putting this great event together. You guys did a fantastic job in organizing one of the best Christmas parties we have seen in a long time.

In Remembrance

January 1st marked the sixth anniversary of Steve Gajda's untimely death. Steve was taken from us suddenly and long before his time while serving the community on New Year's eve six years ago. Steve is always in our thoughts, and he will never be forgotten, particularly by those of us who had the honor of serving side by side with him as partners and friends. Steve, you are truly missed, and we will never forget your untimely sacrifice.

Congratulations

Congratulations go out to Officer Jaime Anchondo on his promotion to P-3 training officer. Jaime is a dedicated tenured officer who has served the Hollenbeck community for a number of years while also serving his country as a member of the armed forces. This promotion is well deserved, and we wish him the beset of luck in his new assignment.

Adios

We bid farewell and so long to Sgt.

Rich Levy, now assigned to Jail Division. We also say good luck to Sgt. E. Caldera now working PSB. Officer Matt Valencia is now patrolling the streets of Southeast Division. Officer S. Abbate is now serving the citizens of Harbor Division while D. Chavez now calls Hollywood Division home. J. Cardenas is now at Pacific Division, and J. Lopez is now assigned to Southwest. We wish all of you the best of luck in your respective new assignments.

Hola

We extend a welcome hand to Officer L. Vargas, now assigned to Hollenbeck after a stint at Pacific Division. We also say hello to Officer T. Marrufo in from North Hollywood. Officers B. Aguilera is in from Central Division, while J. Garcia comes to us from Hollywood. P. Fernandez joins us from Southeast Division. We also have five brand new probationary officers eager and willing to be trained by Hollenbeck's cadre of training officers. Please say hello and welcome to P-1s Gutierrez, Cotignola, Guillen, Martinez and O'Neill. We welcome all of you to the great east side and hope you enjoy your stay as we have enjoyed ours.

Que Paso

This month's salute goes out to my good buddy, Darcy "I Refuse to Work the Holidays" Cornwell. Why me, Sarge? Don't you know I have six years on the job?

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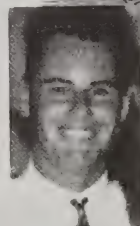
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18 SOUTHEAST

by Shawn Massey
Southeast Division

At this point, I have little hope of keeping abreast of what's been going on in Southeast. But, as I've explored every sordid corner of the Internet and could die happy with that accomplishment, I'll continue to scribble. Lucky you.

First of all, I'm getting tired of writing about OISs. Not 'cause they've been particularly tragic (though the **Zamudio/Colson** caper gave us a good scare), but because of pending investigations, I can't really get to the guts of the matter. It's a little frustrating. I'll be okay. Now I'll display a sense of duty and tell you about three more.

Gonzales and **Hatfield** were rolling through Nickerson Gardens. A gangster pointed a rifle at 'em. "He must know how much I can bench," said Al. "Hey, I worked OSB," said Hatfield. An OIS occurred. No hits. Suspect arrested. He copped to the ADW. Guns were recovered. It's getting routine. That's why I wrote it like that.

Hicks and **Banuelos** work the Strip. For those of you who don't know, that's the corridor that connects us to Harbor Division. It's pretty far from every place in the division. So it takes us a while to get down there. Coppers working there know that. So do the thugs. But that's their problem. Skip and John decided that something needed to be done about the BFMVs, so they received permission to work a plain car in an effort to catch

the perps. During the course of their detail, they passed a carload of gangsters. The gangsters were of the mistaken belief that the neighborhood belonged to them and used body language to express this belief. Not long afterwards, S and J observed the same vehicle approaching head-on. It stopped. The cops stopped. The doors of the suspects' vehicle opened and bodies exited. S and J did the same and in doing so identified themselves. A suspect opened fire. S and J took cover and an OIS occurred. They had a brief conversation. It went something like this.

John: "I'm going back to day watch."
Skip (lumbering past): "I'll meet you at the station. Cover me." Nah, that didn't happen. As far as you know. Amazingly enough, there were a bunch of coppers and an airship in the area. A traffic stop netted the suspects' vehicle and a search collared the culprit and the gun. Great job by watches 3 and 5. And a snappy salute to S and J for handling their business. From those two, we would have expected nothing less.

A few weeks ago, **Bueno** and **Behrens** were working together. (Bueno gets in a lot of capers. It's almost annoying. Behrens has 14 children. That might be too many.) Again, the setting is Nickerson Gardens. (We might need a substation there. I volunteer anyone but me to work it.) So anyway, they conduct a T/S on a ride. The vehicle stops and then takes off. Hitting a corner, a passenger opens fire on our boys. The pursuit is on. When it terminates a couple blocks later, three frustrated, misunderstood youths exit. They express their despair by firing handguns at the officers. In a forlorn cry for help, one of them fired a gun with each hand. And then...well, how should I put this? Oh, I know. "An OIS occurred." B & B take one suspect and a gun into custody and no one is hit. Considering the odds these

two coppers faced, that's pretty damn good. It gets better, because planned for that morning was a multi-agency, multi-divisional operation. Twenty plus search warrants were to be served in and around Nickerson Gardens, the culmination of over a year long investigation. Despite the OIS, the ball was already rolling. The warrants were served and numerous thugs went to jail. Some, accustomed to having their own way (isn't that how it starts?), cried when hooked up. There is nothing funnier than seeing a gangster who has terrorized a neighborhood for several years cry like a baby. It is a true and accurate expression of his cowardice. Wait, I'm supposed to say "it was a tragedy for all." No, it wasn't. It was beautiful. The residents of Nickerson can breathe a little easier. If only until the next court-coddled gangsters pick up the slack. An especially snappy salute to Weed and Seed and gang detectives. They have the right people in those spots.

All right, that's it for OISs. Knock it off. Now I've got to tell you of an incident that occurred a few days ago. As a disclaimer, I'll admit that I wasn't actually at scene, but I did do my homework, and I think I have my facts straight. And the facts of this incident are such that embellishment isn't required. Therefore, it's safe to assume that my use of dramatic license is limited. Be forewarned, this is graphic. Anyway, on with it.

An older gentleman walked into Southeast station. He explained to the desk officer that he'd been out of town. In his absence a woman had moved into his apartment and changed the locks. Simple enough. Right? No.

The coppers to respond were **Aufdemburg**, **Vascones**, **Thompson**, **Murphy** and **Canchola** (Type: sergeant. Quantity: 1.) They made contact with the occupant and found her to be a person not entirely in touch with reality. In addition, they found the door to have been barricaded with a wet mattress. Unable to gain her compliance, the coppers attempted to force entry. But she had a plan, a plan so hideous, so diabolical that it could only be called brilliant. For positioned nearby and ready for immediate use were plastic bowls brimming with a fecal concoction designed specifically for throwing on pesky coppers. And throw she did. Through the partially opened door she heaved the pseudo-liquid, splashing it on walls, floors and neatly pressed blue suits. "Not the hair!" Aufdemburg was heard to shout. But did they abandon their mission? Hell no. They stood their ground, albeit a bit farther back. "Fight stink with stink," said one. So began a lopsided funk battle in which she would throw poop and the coppers would retreat, then quickly advance spraying

OC through the door while simultaneously using Murphy as a battering ram. Eventually, in either a gesture of remorse or because she had emptied her bowels, the woman began throwing cleaning liquids at the coppers. However, as we all know, when you mix bleach and ammonia it produces noxious vapors, a field expedient poison gas. No longer able to smell anything other than her waste, the coppers weren't aware of this gas when they finally breached the door. They found the woman disoriented and the apartment a war zone. The image of what happened next will forever be burned in the memories of those cops. For as Aufdemburg straddled the woman's back in a handcuffing technique, a copper (all would later deny culpability) approached from behind in an attempt to assist. The timing was poor, for the feces, the gas and the chaos of the battle to gain entry was overwhelming, and the cop...well, the cop vomited down Aufdemburg's back. In a show of solidarity, other cops began vomiting. Additional units were requested to assist with the vomiting. Sgt. **Colomey** arrived. He worked Metro. He pays attention to the high speed classes we receive. When he saw the puking cops and smelled the vile vapors, he could think but one thing—chemical attack. Shaking his fist to an indifferent sky, he shouted, "Damn you, Osama!" and then declared a statewide tac alert and requested the **National Guard**. Coppers throughout South Bureau, monitoring the tac, in unison turned to each other and said, "Quick, find a G-ride." Too late. We responded to the far, far edge of the perimeter and imagined we were having trouble breathing. Eventually, the Fire Department arrived. They conferred, shook their heads and figured out that it was a big nothing. After pinning a junior firefighter badge on Sgt. Colomey, they went back to bed. The cops went to the hospital (where they were soon released) and the woman booked for ADW, caustic chemical. We had a good chuckle.

FYI, this isn't funny:



That's it. I'm outta time, space and inclination. Until next month...

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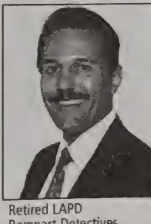
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by Larry Wehage
Newton Division

Reunion Information

The Newton Reunion will be held at the academy on Saturday, July 31, 2004. The festivities will begin at 1400 hours and conclude when the last drunk shuts off the track pole lights.

Kelle Baitx will be heading up the party and will need a few volunteers, I suspect. Come on out and have a great time. The stories should be memorable.

Hoskins is Back Home

Dave Hoskins has returned to

Newton after a long tour serving our country. Dave, many changes occurred after you left the states. Get reading.

Baker to Vegas

The team is coming along. Several Griffith Park practice runs should sort out the good, bad and ugly. Greg McKnight advised me that Anthony Saenz blasted out a very nice time. Now Greg is looking for the other 19 to do the same.

We will have a team room in Pahrump for those who want to stop by and catch a few ZZZs, but the real partying will occur at the end of the race. A picnic will be held at the Silverton Casino at the conclusion of the race on the 25th of April. If you retired from Newton in good standing and want to participate as a runner, contact Greg at (323) 846-6556.

So, You're Looking for a Hero

Bianca Marrufo, 11 years of age, and daughter of Danny Marrufo, had a dream. In this dream she believed that someone needed her hair. She even dreamed that she donated her hair.



A week later, she shaved her head and donated her hair to Loc's of Love, a foundation that takes hair and makes wigs for those who have lost their hair due to cancer treatments. For support, Dad shaved his head also. Bianca, you are a hero.

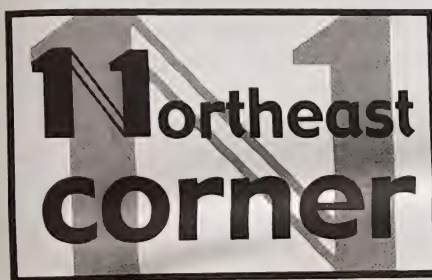
Two Days a DP

A recent directive from the halls of Central Bureau requires "admin-types" to work two days in the field each deployment period. You might think that

most people in administrative jobs would bellyache, but it seems that they are looking forward to the assignment. Some of these folks had better try that uniform on before they hit the streets. By the way, I need to buy a flashlight.

They're Coming Back to LAPD

Some years ago, it was commonplace to see our good officers bailing for the greener pastures of nearby police agencies. Not all felt the love that they had with LAPD, so they ponied up and returned to the best darned police department around. Jennifer Howlett and Marco Briones were both on LAPD before bailing some years ago. Both have decided to return and are happy as clams. Jennifer is in the Vice PED Unit, and Marco is working the Bike Detail. Additionally, a lateral came in about a month ago from a local agency, and he seems very happy to be at Newton. Brian Cooney, son of Lt. John Cooney, Narcotics Division, will be spending his 18 months learning about policy and procedures and handling lots of calls, both inside and outside of the division.



by Susan Carrasco
Northeast Division

Thank goodness the holidays have passed and the sergeant orals are over. We can all relax and focus on recap. Well, maybe after the inspection. (If it's not cancelled again.)

New Arrivals

Many times we are warned that Northeast has something funny in the water. During the year of 2003, there must have been something going around, because many of our Northeast personnel have added additions to their families. During 2003 many of our employees have had children (over 15 babies total). I would like to show the

baby photos, but those employees need to submit the photos and information of their bundles of joy.

Beautiful baby Kaitlyn Rose Staats was born on Sept. 19, 2003. Kaitlyn weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. Daddy, Sgt. Greg Staats, and Mommy, Det. Reina Staats, are thrilled to have their wonderful bundle of joy. Daddy Staats said Mommy Staats did such a wonderful job creating such a beautiful baby that he is already planning on more baby Staats. Stats really are up in the Staats family.



Baby Staats just found out what dual income means to her.

Congratulations on your wonderful miracle.

Commendable Capers

The Northeast Gang Enforcement Detail (GED) has been working diligently on tracking down and apprehending numerous career criminals that have plagued the Northeast community. On Dec. 21, 2003, Officer Gonzalez, #32849, and Officer Aguilar, #34380, were assigned GED when they observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. The driver of the vehicle observed the patrol car and immediately slowed. The officers pulled their vehicle alongside the passenger side of the vehicle and looked inside the vehicle. The ignition was punched and there was not a key in the ignition. The driver accelerated and attempted to flee from the officers. The officers activated their lights and siren and attempted to stop the driver of the vehicle and a pursuit ensued. During the pursuit, a loaded handgun was tossed from the vehicle. The driver then chose to abandon the vehicle, as it was moving, causing it to collide into a parked vehicle. The driver fled on foot,

yet Officers Castro, #33602, Flores, #35396, and Gonzalez, #32849, were a bit faster and took him into custody. The passenger fled the vehicle and attempted to force his way into an occupied residence. Officers Figueroa, #35260, and Loza, #33044, intervened and took him into custody. The investigation revealed that prior to the pursuit the suspects had set fire to two parked vehicles. The suspects were admitted gang members with injunctions served against them and were also in possession of narcotics.

Thanks to the efforts of GED officers and detectives, these and many other career criminals are behind bars. Great job! (I feel bad for the supervisor having to follow up with all of the pursuit reports!)

Coming and Going

Coming to us is Officer Houlihan, #31322, from Newton; Officer Young, #36469, from 77th; and Officer Garza, #37037, from the academy. Officer Stan Sokolis, #24690, has left us to go to SID. You are missed, Stan.

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SPORTS BEAT

Sports Beat is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. For information about submissions to Sports Beat, please call the Sports Beat Info Line at (323) 221-5222, ext. 800.

LAPRAAC Sports Roundup

by Lew Snow, Sports Beat Editor

Our first order of business is to greet a new member of the LAPRAAC family. (Some of our readers who are regular visitors to the Elysian Park Academy may have already noticed a new picture on the Org. Chart on the wall in the foyer.)

A warm welcome goes out to Ruben Espalin who joined the Revolver Club in mid-January to fill the new role of LAPRAAC Athletic Coordinator. Ruben will work closely with General Manager Irma Perez and the Board of Directors to coordinate the club's traditional athletic program and special events like the Memorial Run and Sports Awards. When the sworn position of LAPD Athletic Director is unfrozen, he will remain in his current role and work closely with that individual.

Ruben's office is in the Academy basement next to the credit union. He can be reached at (323) 221-5222, ext. 219, by e-mail at rdespalin@lapraac.com, and is usually in his office or on the Academy grounds.

Mark Your Calendars

Dates have now been finalized for two of this year's biggest events. Flyers with additional information will be out in the next few weeks:

Spring Bench Press Contest. Weigh-ins: Thursday, May 12. Contest: Friday, May 13, Elysian Park Academy.

Paul von Lutzow's 77th Street Power Pigs are looking for their 17th straight victory (unbeaten since May, 1996). Can anyone stop them or will they remain virtually invincible?

Memorial Run and Relay. Saturday, June 26, Dockweiler Beach (Playa del Rey).

The 26th annual race will be filled with competitive events as well as fun for the entire family. A moving tribute to LAPD's finest who gave their lives protecting the citizens of Los Angeles will also be held. If you are interested in volunteering for this important event, please call LAPRAAC Athletic Coordinator Ruben Espalin at (323) 221-5222, ext. 219.

Softball Team Meeting Set March 9

Stations and units looking to field a team for the upcoming intradepartmental softball season have just a few days left to get their ducks in order. The traditional preseason kickoff meeting for coaches (and potential coaches) has been set for Tuesday, March 9, at 1100 in the Elysian Park Academy Lounge (above the café).

The 2003 season saw 17 teams battle it out in three leagues with Rampart ending up with the department title after a Red Davis Tournament that saw nearly 1,000 runs scored in 33 games. Metro, Pacific and Devonshire are expected to again field highly competitive squads.

(Fort Apache's win last year kept Metro from its third straight championship.)

League play should begin in early April under the guidance of Chief Umpire and Softball Coordinator Joe Oliveri. To make reservations for the meeting (a deli lunch will be served), contact the LAPRAAC athletic office at (323) 221-5222, ext. 219/221.

Speaking of Balls and Bats

LAPRAAC has once again obtained a great block of reserved level seats (between third and first base) for selected Los Angeles Dodgers home games. A new year and new management means some exciting times across the street at Chavez Ravine. Ducats remain at \$17 (same as last year) and will be available on a first come, first served basis.

Speaking about a new year and new management, excited about the "new" Anaheim Angels, but feel left out? Don't fret. For the first time, LAPRAAC will also have a block of seats available for selected games down the Santa Ana Freeway at Anaheim stadium. Arrangements on specific dates and ticket prices were still being finalized at our press deadline.

A list of Dodger and Angel games dates will be available in mid to late March in the LAPRAAC administrative office (main floor of the Elysian Park Academy) or by visiting www.lapraac.com.

Looking for a Few Good Volunteers

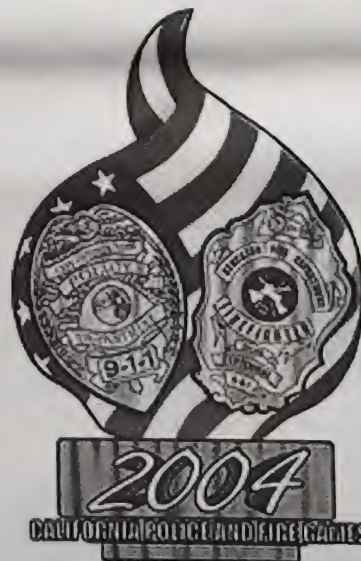
Active or retired department personnel are needed to help with this year's Baker to Vegas Relay in April, the Memorial Run and Relay in June, and other future LAPRAAC events. Volunteers are being sought for both pre event duties locally or on event day(s) out on the respective sites. To lend a hand or get more information on opportunities, contact LAPRAAC Athletic Coordinator Ruben Espalin at (323) 221-5222, ext. 219/221 or via e-mail at rdespalin@lapraac.com.

We Welcome Your Articles

Submitting an article for Sports Beat is the best way to get sports-related information out to a wide range of active and retired LAPD personnel. (To be included we must receive articles—via fax or e-mail—no less than three days before the end of current month: March 28 for May, April 27 for June, May 28 for July, etc.)

E-mail articles to LAPDSportsBeat@aol.com or fax to (818) 957-4275. Even if you send notes with a contact name and phone number, we can write a story that gets the word out. Photos are welcome—lower-res jpegs are preferred via e-mail (or indicate on your fax or e-mail you have photos and we'll contact you).

Registration Begins for California Police and Fire Games in June



by Lew Snow, Sports Beat Editor

Online applications and registration books are available in mid-March for the California Police and Fire Games. The 38th annual competition will be held in Stockton, June 6-12.

This year's event has been opened for the first time to athletes from law enforcement and fire agencies from the neighboring states of Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington. (Just a few years ago entry was limited to only California law enforcement personnel.)

Wakeboarding and Pentathlon have been added for 2004 and Paintball competition returns for a third year, sched-

uled at Rough and Ready Island (a beautiful park-like setting).

Department athletes planning to attend the games are strongly encouraged to contact Ruben Espalin, LAPRAAC Athletic Coordinator, prior to registering. The Revolver Club will be negotiating discounts on items like plane tickets, hotels and car rentals for club members competing in Stockton. Espalin can be reached at (323) 221-5222, ext. 219 or by e-mail: rdespalin@lapraac.com.

For more information on the Stockton games, call (209) 937-5030 or visit www.cpfgames2004.org (there's also a link to online registration forms).

Based on continued interest by athletes from neighboring states, the California Police Athletic Federation Board of Directors has voted to change the name of the games to the Western States Police and Fire Games, effective with the 2005 competition in northern Nevada.

Little did San Diego P.D.'s Duke Nyhus and LAPD's Bob Burke suspect that their small gathering a generation ago involving a couple of dozen athletes would become one of the largest and most respected public service athletic events in the world. Quite a legacy for these two legends who, nearly four decades later, are still very active in making their dream an ever-expanding reality.

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Baker to Vegas Race Cooks Up Some International Intrigue

by Lew Snow, Sports Beat Editor

LAPRAAC is preparing for the biggest international invasion in over six decades as runners representing three different countries outside North America make final plans for competing at the Baker to Vegas race on April 24-25.

Traveling as private citizens at their own expense, a Berlin, Germany, team of 20 runners and five alternates will join squads from Queensland, Australia and South Wales, UK, to give the 20th annual Challenge Cup Relay a distinct international flavor. This is the second time around for the Aussies—Queensland Police Services finished around mid-pack (109th) in 2001—and a premier Great Britain “guest” team was the fastest finisher in 1998.

The upcoming race will be the first with more than one international team. Two entries from Calgary Police Services raise the total to five teams from outside the United States running in 2004, along with 211 others (mostly from agencies west of the Rocky Mountains).


Guido Jüngling, coordinator of the German squad, got the idea to put together a team for the race during a 2002 visit to Southern California. “Roger Chien, a detective from Alhambra P.D., gave us some shirts from the Baker to Vegas race. A few days later we drove to Las Vegas and I saw the town of Baker. The idea was born. I had to put together a Berlin team for this race!”

After collecting more information about the relay, Jüngling set about rounding up prospective runners. “Only eight officers came to our first meeting, but today we have a team. We have no sponsor and our chief told us we can make the trip but as private citizens and at our own expense.” He continued, “While all our runners are from Berlin P.D.—from staff, patrol and criminal police—we’re not a special team. We’re just a mix of young and old, male and female runners who do this on our free time.”

So why make the effort? “We aren’t coming to win the race,” explains Jüngling. “We come to be a part of the ceremony of the 20th Baker to Vegas race, and we come to find new friends and to visit Los Angeles, our Berlin sister city for 37 years.”

The Berlin team will arrive about a week prior to the race and spend time visiting law enforcement and other attractions in Los Angeles, San Diego, Tijuana and Las Vegas. Chen, LASD Sgt. Hiroshi Yokohama and LAPD Officer Ricky Rodriguez have been helping to make arrangements for the visitors. Any other department personnel interested in playing “tour guide” to the Berliners (and/or the Aussies and Welsh) are encouraged to contact race coordinator Chuck Foote at (323) 221-5222, ext. 221.

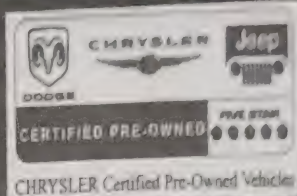
With around seven weeks to go until the starting pistol, the race committee of Foote, Ruben Holguin, Danny Roman and Marty Weston is working down to the wire to make this 20th anniversary event the best yet. Last year’s surprise




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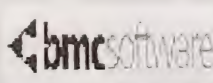
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4) _____	_____	m/l/xl/xxl

winner, San Diego P.D., is looking to become the first team outside the two major Los Angeles agencies to repeat as open division champ. L.A. Sheriff's Central Jail holds the record with four straight victories (1992-95) while LAPD's Training/Air Support (1996-97) and Metro Divisions (1998-99 and 2001-02) also bookended winning years.

Nearly 220 teams will leave the starting line—19-1/2 miles north of beautiful downtown Baker—in five flights beginning at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 24. They traverse 120 miles of desert sands and steep mountains with the fastest finisher expected to cross the finish line at the Silverton Hotel (just south of Las Vegas at I-15 and Hwy. 160) around 7:00 a.m. the next morning. All told, nearly 10,000 runners, support personnel, volunteers and spectators will swarm Glitter Gulch, Pahrump and the desert communities of Shoshone and Baker. It has been estimated last year's race contributed over \$40 million to the local economies.

Festivities are brought to a close at the awards ceremony held at the Las Vegas Hilton and Convention Center on Sunday evening, April 25. Last year's event featured emcees Pete Demetriou (KFWB radio) and Christine Divine (Fox 11 News) and former L.A. Lakers great Norm Nixon.

We'll have more pre-race coverage in the April issue of *The Thin Blue Line*. For more information on the 20th annual Challenge Cup Relay, contact Foote at (323) 221-5222, ext. 221 or visit www.bakervegas.com.

BAKER TO VEGAS CHALLENGE CUP RELAY RACE Motor Team – Baker to Vegas Motors (Riders) Needed

On April 24th & 25th, the Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club will be sponsoring the 20th annual running relay event. The Motor Team supports the event by supplying skilled motorcycle riders who serve as Race Officials.

The function includes enforcement of Race Rules & Regulations related to race and traffic safety. Motorcycles are required to have 4-way flashers, with Family Radio Service (FRS) 2-way radio capability (a \$50 per diem covers the general FRS cost... FRS is simple to obtain). Licensed Amateur Radios are a real plus.

Those individuals, both sworn and non-sworn, who would like to assist in covering Motor Team assignments for the event are encouraged to contact us for further details on equipment and assignments available, plus per diem provision.

Motor Team Coordinator
Gary Krystof (LAPD Reserve) (818) 366-9431
motorteam@earthlink.net

Motor Team - Supervisor Arizona/Nevada Area
Dick Studdard (LAPD Retired) (928) 776-9172
rsazwing@aol.com

LAPD Shooters Earn High Marks at "Great Northfield Raid" Match

by Larry Mudgett

Two department shooters took first and third places in their class at the California Rifle and Pistol Association championship Cowboy Action match in October. Over 60 shooters from throughout the state participated in the three-day event, held at Panorama Sportsman Club in Sylmar.

Stacy Ewing, co-captain of the LAPD Peacemakers, competed in the Ladies Duelist (one-handed shooting) Category. As if shooting single-handed wasn't difficult enough, she shot half of her targets right-handed and the other half left-handed. Ewing, using a slide action Winchester model 1897 (made in 1920), came home with a first place fin-



LAPD Peacemakers Larry Mudgett and Stacy Ewing in "full uniform."

ish. Yours truly (the other co-captain of the team and shooting a double barrel shotgun) competed in the Men's Duelist Category, taking third in class and 14th overall.

There were many top shooters in attendance including national and world champion Duelist **Frederick Jackson Turner**. Current overall Cowboy Action world champion "Lead Dispenser" took second place with "Lefty Longridge" (aka LASD Sgt. Joe Alesia, overall 2000 world champion) capturing first place overall.

Cowboy Action shooting has a category (most with male and female divisions) for nearly everyone: traditional, modern (adjustable-sighted revolvers) duelist, classic cowboy, gunfighter (both

hands drawn at the same time, one in each hand and fired alternatively), 49er (ages 49-59), junior, frontiersman (cap and ball revolvers), frontier cartridge (black powder), frontier cartridge duelist, senior (ages 60-69), senior

duelist and elder statesman (age 70+). Rifles and shotguns are used in all categories—some require use of a double barrel shotgun, others allow the option of Winchester models 1887 or 1897.

There are at least ten Cowboy Action clubs within a reasonable distance of Los Angeles, and most shooters can find at least one or two local matches within a few minutes of home. The national

championship match, called "Winter Range," is held in Phoenix and the annual world championship, "End of Trail," takes place in Norco.

For more information on local matches, these major events, or on becoming a member of the LAPD Peacemakers, contact Mudgett at (818) 832-7529 or visit www.sassnet.com.



MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT IN HONOR OF POLICE OFFICER III+1 TIMOTHY FALCO

The Los Angeles Police Department Labor Liaison Section and Foothill Area Community Police Station are hosting a memorial golf tournament in honor of Police Officer III+1 Timothy Falco. All proceeds from the golf tournament will benefit his wife and children.

Monday, March 15, 2004
Hansen Dam Golf Course

10400 Glenoaks Boulevard
Pacoima, CA 91331
(818) 899-2200

The format for the tournament is a two-person scramble with a shotgun start. The Entry Fee includes 18 holes of golf and a buffet dinner at the Fairways Restaurant & Tavern on the Hansen Dam Golf Course.

Entry Fee is \$100.00... per golfer \$ 20.00...Buffet Dinner Only

Check-In 9:00 a.m. / Shotgun Start 11:00 a.m. / Buffet Dinner 4:00 p.m.

For more information please contact LAPD Labor Liaison Section Sergeant Albert Kilgore at (323) 957-5389 or Delia Baitx at (323) 957-4543

Please make checks payable to the **Timothy Falco Fund** and mail to

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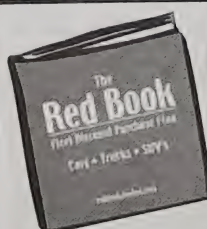
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SPORTS BEAT

Basketball Play Enters Tournament Mode

At our press deadline, action in the 2003-04 Intradepartmental basketball season was into the final weeks of league play. By the time this issue reaches our readers, all four leagues should be well into tournament mode.

Parker Center (winner of the Red Davis Tournament for the 2002-03 department championship), North Hollywood and Pacific (both from the "C" League) are all undefeated as of the January 20 league standings. The Admins are looking to repeat as "A"

League champs and win their first back-to-back title since their powerhouse four-year string from 1994 to 1998. In the "B" League, Metro and Hollenbeck, who faced each other for the division title last year, are tied at 5-1. Juvenile and OCVD are tied at 4-1 in the "D" League.

For up-to-date information on tournament schedules, call the Athletic Director's office at (323) 221-5222, ext. 219/221.

LAPD Centurion Wrestling Club

Is recruiting...

The Centurion Wrestling Club is preparing for the 2004 Police and Fire Games in Stockton (June 8 and 9) and the International Games in Las Vegas, Nevada (August 11 and 12).

Over the course of the last five years, the Centurion Wrestling Club has become one of the premier athletic programs in public safety. The program has been successful at the State Games as well as securing medals at the World Police & Fire Games. The Centurion Wrestling Club competes in the Olympic wrestling disciplines of Freestyle and Greco Roman. Our program is developmental and utilizes world class coaches. We have transitioned numerous high school and college wrestlers into successful Olympic style wrestlers. We encourage all skill levels to participate.

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"A" League				
Parker Center	6	0	1.000	
Internal Affairs #1	4	2	.667	2
Rampart #1	4	2	.667	2
Central #1	4	2	.667	2
77th Street	3	3	.500	3
Van Nuys	2	4	.333	4
Northeast #1	1	5	.167	5
West Valley	0	6	.000	6

	W	L	Pct.	GB
"B" League				
Hollenbeck	5	1	.833	
Metro #1	5	1	.833	
Southwest #1	4	2	.667	1
Newton #1	3	3	.500	2
Harbor	1	5	.167	4
Southeast Red	1	5	.167	4

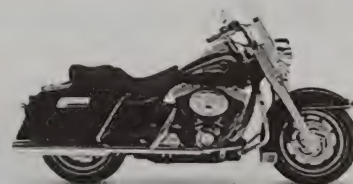
	W	L	Pct.	GB
"C" East				
N. Hollywood	6	0	1.000	
Hollywood	4	2	.667	2
West Traffic	4	2	.667	2
Captains	3	3	.500	3
Wilshire Dets.	3	3	.500	3
Southwest #2	2	4	.333	4
Northeast #2	1	5	.167	5
Training	1	5	.167	5

	W	L	Pct.	GB
"C" West				
Pacific	6	0	1.000	
Wilshire	5	1	.833	
Metro #2	3	1	.750	2
Southeast #2	4	2	.667	2
Internal Affairs #2	3	2	.600	2-1/2
Central #2	3	3	.500	3
Newton Vice	2	3	.400	3-1/2
Devonshire	1	5	.167	5
Foothill	1	5	.167	5
Rampart #2	0	6	.000	6

	W	L	Pct.	GB
"D" League				
Juvenile	4	1	.750	
Org. Crime Vice	4	1	.750	
Central Traffic	3	2	.600	1
South Traffic	3	3	.500	1-1/2
Critical Incident Inv.	2	4	.333	2-1/2
South Bureau SCU	0	5	.000	4

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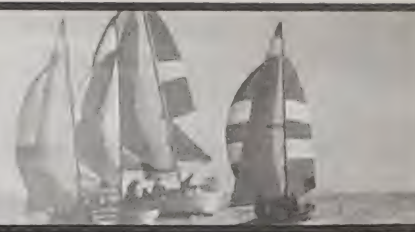
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RETIREMENT NEWS



The Retirement News is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Retirees may submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 1st of the month for the following month's issue date.

Valley Retired Blues

by Clinton O. Erickson

Our next meeting will be on March 17, 2004, at "The Lamplighter" restaurant located on the corner of DeSoto Ave. and Nordhoff St. We meet every month on the third Wednesday in the bar/lounge area of the restaurant. There is no set start time, so you may arrive anytime after 10:30 a.m. Coffee is available until orders are taken. All LAPD officers, wives/friends (active or retired) are welcome to attend. We have no membership dues and time is spent renewing friendships and reminiscing.

We had 40 attending the January 19 luncheon. The following attended: **John Amott** (16323), **Bob Baker** (7839), **Jack Carey** (10653), **Fred Coleman** (4818), **Emmett Drennen** (3279), **Hilliard** (Curly) **Elliott** (4534), **Ray**

Elmer (5607), **Clinton Erickson** (5608), **Bill Fedderson** (4823), **Bob Fritz** (4583), **John W. Grogan** (11852), **Morrie Henkin** (5247), **Frank Henning** (7921), **Jake Henning** (4201), **Dean Knouse** (6057), **Lou Mellott** (4037), **Boris Menegheli** (3522), **Herbert** (Pinky) **Meredith** (3664), **George Moore** (10565), **Lou Netza** (7655), **Paul Nicholas** (4047), **Les Nolte** (10821), **Jake Orbus** (5407), **Robert L. Peterson** (16449), **Bob Reeves** (6874), **Duane** (Whitey) **Ryburn** (3981), **Arnie Sauro** (6104), **J. R. Schiller** (10992), **Guy Schlotzhauer** (2804), **Don Schweitzer** (6615), **Barbara & Ted** (7737) **Sproul**, **Stuart Stremsterfer** (4394), **Jim Swiston** (4654), **Mel Tousseau** (3270), **Jim Trax** (6185), **Fred Warner** (4778), **Dick Weaver** (11181), **Earl Wells** (6297), and **Tim Yost** (11694).

Jack Carey from Moline, Ill., **Frank Henning** and **Don Schweitzer** were first time attendees. **John Arnott**, **Fred Coleman**, **Morrie Henkin**, **Jake Henning** had not attended recently.

There is room for an additional 15 to 20 attendees, so mark your calendars and plan to attend. If you need more information, please contact me at the numbers listed below.

Since this is the last list of attendees for 2003, I want to let you know we had 109 different officers, wives and friends at least on one of the meetings this year. There were 28 having attended five or more times and two that attended every luncheon. Now that the Inland Empire meetings have ceased, maybe some of those officers, wives and friends will attend our lunches occasionally. We don't have dues and generally no formal program so the only expense is the fuel and food if desired, but a lot of visiting and renewing of old experiences while

working together. In June we only had 22 in attendance, but in January there were 45. So if some of you out of the local area are in the L.A. area visiting, make plans to have lunch with us on the third Wednesday of each month.

I know there are a lot of you that worked in the Valley and live in this area and hope you will come and join your old friends for a great bull session. Call me at (818) 340-2430 or e-mail at clintsr@pacbell.net if you want or have information of interest for us at The Lamplighters.

Our meeting information and attendees are on www.larfpa.com. The names appear on the Web site about a month prior to seeing them in the *Blue Line* column. Hope to see some more new faces at the next meeting in February, and if you don't remember the date, remember it is always the third Wednesday of each month. ♦

Old Blue Running Team

by Mike McKean

Our first run of the new year was held January 4, 2004. The weather was in our favor once again. As usual rain was predicted, but as usual it "just missed the Los Angeles basin."

The early starters were Co-Captain **Mel Sandvig** (recovering from a broken foot) and **Keith Allen**. The regular starters were Co-Captain **Chuck McTaggart** followed by **Phil Booth**, **Gene Peterson**, **Bruce Hoover**, **Mike Cherry** and **Mike Arroyo**.

Support personnel were **Mike McKean**, **Terry Wonders**, **Mike Melancon**, **Diane Harber**, **Rudy DeLeon**, **George Beck**, **Virginia Van Houte**, **Corky Rocklitz**, and arriving in time for breakfast, **Pat Connolly**.

On Super Bowl Sunday, February 1, 2004, we had another gathering at Griffith Park for the monthly get together. Once again it was perfect running weather.

The early starters were **Keith Allen** and **Jay Hernando**.

The regular starters were Co-Captains **Chuck McTaggart** and **Mel Sandvig**, still recovering from his broken foot. The usual runners were **Phil Booth**,

Mike Cherry, and **Mike Arroyo**. Driving all the way from Reno, NV, we welcomed **Ron McCall** for his second appearance this year. We also welcomed two "new" runners, **Rick Massa**, who has spent most of the time on the job in Metro Division. While he still is assigned there, he is in the DROP program and is allowed to run for "Old Blue." We also welcomed **Ron Vargas**, who made the drive from his home in Las Vegas to be with us. Welcome, you guys, both who have been eligible for AARP for some time. We also have several other visitors join us for the run, including **Lynne McTaggart**, wife of Co-Captain **Chuck**, and retired from LASD.

Support personnel were **George Beck**, **Rudy DeLeon**, **Mike McKean**, **Mike Melancon** (team photographer) and **Terry Wonders**. The run went off right on time. After the start of the race, two of the three "official" timepieces failed to operate properly. Even CPR failed to revive them. But always having a backup saved the day and we didn't have to rerun the race. We are changing the battery in the one and the sand in the other and we'll be ready for March 7, 2004. All of you unable to make the February

run, be sure and be there for the March date!

Another great time was had by all. Our runs are scheduled for March 7,

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More Retirement News on next page

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by Dave Aikins

Greetings to all of you from the Fuzz gang residing near the lush, green rolling hills on the central coast. Well, the political scene is heating up with all the primary elections, along with national and local issues grabbing the attention of the media pundits. Most of them scream at each other to get their political agenda across and quite frankly their lack of wisdom in many cases is quite obvious.

To me, it gets old real fast. I found that I can escape the chaos by watching something interesting on either the History or Discovery Channels. The increasingly popular show, "Monster Garage," got my attention recently when they rigged up a functioning doughnut machine in a black and white police car. Now that took real talent and was something an old time cop could see as a definite job benefit. (Just kidding.) If I'm channel surfing, I'll usually fall off my board when an old classic movie pops up containing stars with real talent that I can fully appreciate. I'll admit I'm an over-the-hill dinosaur, but this MTV stuff, like what was displayed at the half-time during the Super Bowl, was in my mind simply disgusting. Another escape, of course, is to shut down the TV, grab a good book, and along with a favorite beverage and relax a little. Taffy, my golden retriever, always curls up, within reach, just to let me know how well man and dog are capable of bonding. As life goes by, you just gotta take time to enjoy the things that have value.

A Sad Farewell

On a heavier note, the Fuzz Gang lost a valuable member in January. Joe Cornwell, #5470, passed away as a result of a heart condition. Joe resided with his lovely wife, Myrl, in Santa Maria. He was highlighted in the April, 2002, issue of the *Blue Line* in our Focus on the Fuzz feature. Joe was in the spotlight because our country had recently suffered the 9-11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, and our thoughts and prayers were with our fine military personnel. Joe was a true war hero. In World War II, as a naval aviator, accumulating over 75 combat missions, he supported U.S. Marines and Army forces in aerial combat over such historic islands as Iwo Jima, Okinawa and the Philippines. As a young aviator, he flew everything from the inferior Brewster Buffalo fighters to the superior carrier based Hellcats, as the war progressed. After joining the Department in 1948, his LAPD career was interrupted as he was recalled to serve in the Korean War in 1953. When Joe returned to serve the city of Los Angeles, while on patrol in Foothill Division he responded to a "man with a gun" call and was shot in the chest by a deranged suspect hiding inside a residence. Fortunately, Joe was not seriously injured and went on to enjoy nearly 26 years of quality service to the Department. Many of Joe's LAPD friends attended his memorial service and expressed their condolences to Myrl and the Cornwell family. Rest in peace, Joe. We will miss you.

Fuzz Luncheon

The first Fuzz function of 2004 promises to be a good one. It's a super location with wonderful cuisine, and, of course, great company. Note: this year the luncheon will be on the fourth Thursday of the month. Place: The Inn at Morro Bay; Date: Thursday, March 25, 2004; Time: Social Hour 11:00 a.m. - lunch at noon; Menu: Chicken, beef or vegetable dishes; Info: For reservations and information on special room rates, contact Paul & Stella Mattson, (805)

929-0520, or Jeff & Melissa Watkins, (805) 489-4953. All the LAPD family and friends are welcome. Hope to see you there.

Sports Notes

Our fearless leader, Paul Mattson, continues to enjoy bowling successes as he steadily participated in various local tournaments. Paul is reluctant to talk about his bowling prowess, but the word is out that he is very good at rolling that ball in just the right place between those gutters.

Fellow Fuzz member Joe Hilden and I play softball with a team in Pismo Beach. Joe drives all the way down from

Cambria to participate. The other day we played a talented team from Tulare and split a double header. To watch Joe play shortstop is a sight to behold. He plays it like a young kid in his prime. What an athletic talent this retired LAPD guy has to offer. He is mobile, fires the ball to first base like a rocket, and hits the ball a mile. He stays in great shape and gets a real kick out of playing the game. He's just fun to be around. It's neat to see someone enjoying his retirement to the fullest. As for me, I'm just glad we are on the same team.

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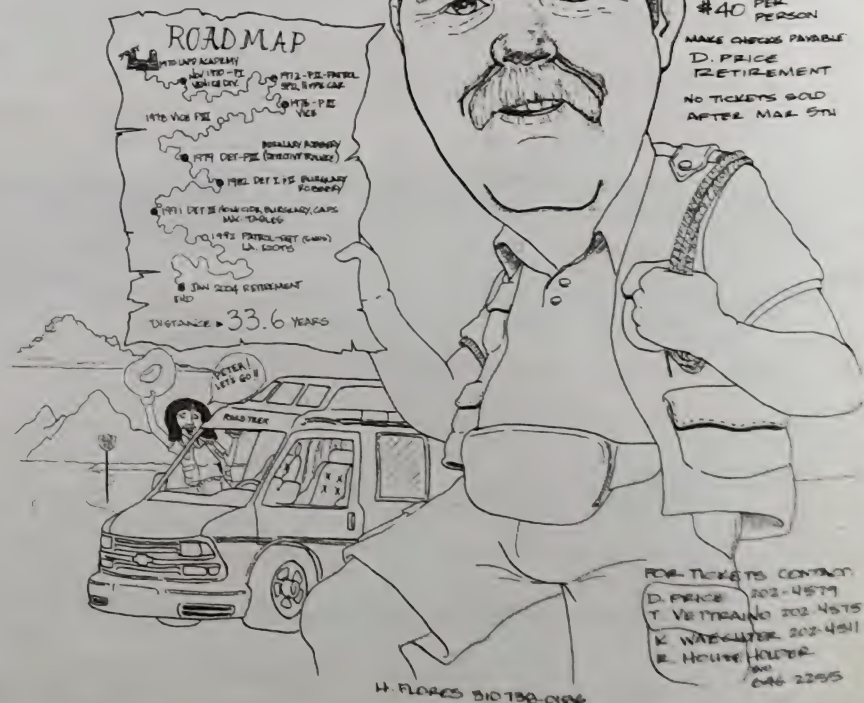
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March 11	S.A.B.L.A.	1100	1200
March 12	Peter Waack	1800	1900
March 15	Tim Falco Memorial Golf Tournament @ Hanson Dam GC		
March 17	Valley Retired Blues	1030	
March 25	Central Coast Fuzz Luncheon	1100	1200
March 26	Frank Long	1100	
APRIL		Event Time/ Social	Meal
April 8	S.A.B.L.A.	1100	1200
April 21	Valley Retired Blues	1030	
April 14	Inland Blue Line @ Anchor Inn	1030	1200
April 24-25	Baker-to-Vegas Relay		

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Sacramento Area Blue Line Association (SABLA)

by Ed Lewandowski

Dateline: Sacramento Area Blue Line Association. Well the holidays are over, though it's still winter (January) as I write this article and spring is just around the corner. Normally our SABLA scribe Bernie Remas writes this article but he and his wife **Judy** have temporarily transplanted themselves to Florida until April (must be nice, eh Bernie). Anyway he has asked me (**Ed Lewandowski**) to pinch-hit (or write) for him until he returns. At our January meeting, President **Carl Kuehn** and his wife **Eleanor** welcomed 24 members and guests.

Some of our SABLA members in attendance included **Roy and LaDonna Kerton** (who is slowly recovering from a stroke), **Bob Keel, Gene DeCrona, Dennis MacDonald, Tony Baldassano, Jim Byrd, Ken Carlsted, Chuck Ward, Nate Iannone, Chuck Crawford**, and our Secretary **Hoy Key**. It was also good to see **Norm Roberge** (recently retired from AM-PM security) and **Mike Brandt**. I'm always impressed to see how many of our members travel a good distance to attend our monthly social. Bob Keel updated us on the health of **Ray Lauritzen** and his wife **Margy**. As for myself, I'm also recuperating from surgery for a torn rotator cup. Had surgery in November, but slowing getting back in shape.

We had two special guest speakers from the Sacramento (**Gary Slobodnjak**) and Placer (**Kathy Roberts**) Counties volunteer Search and Rescue (SAR) units. They and their associates are very dedicated to their programs. Their presentation was quite informative and held everyone's attention. Here in northern California, we have a lot of open, mountainous areas for campers, hikers and those who really like to enjoy the outdoors. But when the occasion arises due to various reasons, it's the SAR's who respond under very trying conditions, particularly during the rainy and wintry months to "search n rescue." They provide a great service to the entire community when called upon.

Both **Roberts** and **Slobodnjak** are part of the SAR mounted unit. Roberts went into detail as to how important the mounted units are. They can traverse areas where 4-wheel vehicles can't. They're also able to get a better perspective of the area from "higher ground" atop a horse, than a person on foot. They make less noise than motorized vehicles and can hear more sounds from anyone lost or disabled in the field. The horses also maintain more stamina than those on foot. The horses have also been trained to provide an extra set of eyes and ears when combing the area for those missing or lost.

Anyone interested in joining such a valuable organization should contact their local sheriff's department.

Our regular meetings are held at "Friends" restaurant located on Olsen Drive and Zinfandel Road off Highway 50 in Rancho Cordova. The owners are currently converting the lunch meeting room to a cocktail bar. This might cause us to re-locate. At this time we do not have another location picked out. Our monthly meeting is still the 2nd Thursday of the month. If you plan on

attending any meeting over the next couple of months, please contact me **Ed Lewandowski, Hoy Key** or other SABLA member to see if we've changed the location for our monthly meeting.

Spring Fling Up-date: We have scheduled a **Spring Fling** "all you can eat" **BBQ** (including pork ribs, sliced beef, chicken, salads etc) for **Sunday June 6, 2004**. Mark the date on your calendars NOW (stop reading this and start marking). You know how we tend to forget as we older!

Anyway, hope you can make it. The BBQ will be in Greenstone Country up in Placerville where we've held it before. The picnic grounds are beautiful, usually with a light breeze off a small lake where you can fish (if you have a license of course), enjoy the serenity and be with good friends. And if you're in southern or central California, Nevada, Oregon or any other area, but would like to join us, you too ARE welcome to do so.....the fare at this time is \$20 per person, so please feel free to join us. More information to follow as we get closer to June. So until next month, take care and be good to yourself.

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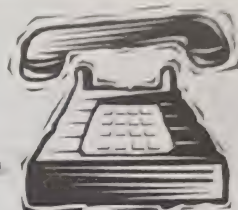
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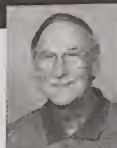
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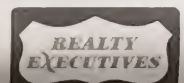
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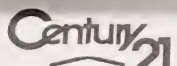
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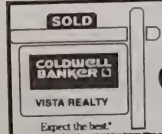


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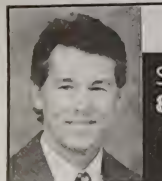
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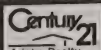
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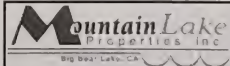
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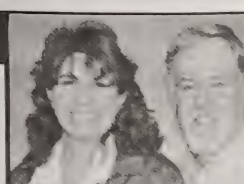
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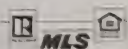
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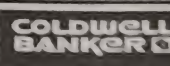
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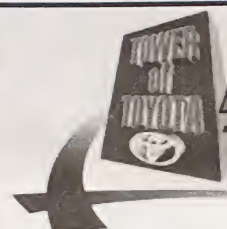


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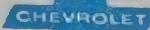
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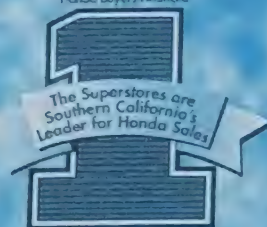
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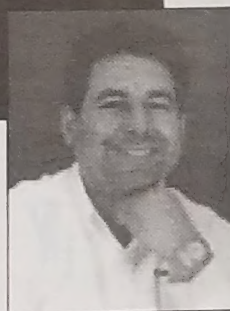
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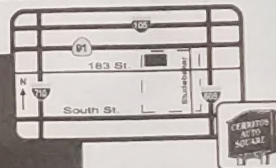
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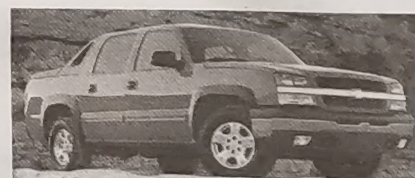
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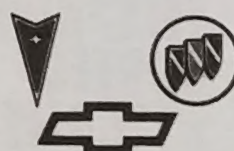
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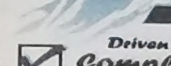
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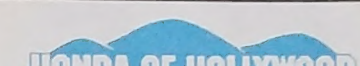

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